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Uganda mass killings and torture reported by jurists

report published today by the ternational Commission of Jurists s that at least 80,000 to 90,000 ople were murdered in Uganda ring the first two years of be asident Amin's rule and that lings are still taking place. The port also suggests that there is

more evidence of the President's personal responsibility for many of the murders. President Amin said again yesterday that he was still determined to come to Britain. If he does, he will face a writ over the death of Mrs Dora Bloch after the

Evidence of Amin responsibility

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find it possible to make a ble estimate of the number de espinate of the number d, the report says that two President Amin's former sters agree that the death in the first two vears of rule—1971 and 1972—was seen 80,000 and 90,000. the worldwide publicity n to the atrocities occurring. Jgrada, the scale of the s violations of human rights iganda has to some extent-nished", the report sais. Nevertheless, arbitrary kill-fortures, disappearances

other gross violations still inue on a substantial scale. victims in the past two certainly number huns and possibly thousands." to report, entitled Uganda Human Rights, points out more evidence is now lable of the personal res-ibility of President Amio. iso notes that members of own family have not

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attention, as in the tase of the forest massacres and murders early in 1974. Whereas many of the atrocities in the early years occurred in public, the security forces now operate more discreetly, the ICJ report says. "As these occurrences are usually known only to relatives and friends, they have tended to attract less international publicity. Nevertheless, many eyewitness statements about them (some included in the report) are available, and these often corroborate each other." Whereas many of the atroci-

The report adds that there is and has been considerable discontent over the killings within the Army as well as the general public. But the police force, which has generally not been involved in the killings, is an important force, the report says, afraid of the Army and specialized units, and bereft of normal authority within the,

Inte of law.

In an introduction Mr Niall
MacDermot, the ICJ secretarygeneral, describes further developments in Uganda since
April, 1976, which show that
the bloodshed is continuing.
Although the British Government asked the United Nations
Commission on Human Rights Commission on Human Rights to support an independent investigation, icco the deaths in February this year of Archishop Luwum and two Ugandan ministers, delaying tactics by President Amin's supporters ensured that no progress was made. The commission decided merely to keep the matter of human rights in Uganda "under

have some effect on the Human Rights Commission is an open question, but it will certainly strengthen the British Government's hand in its campaign to win support from Commonwealth countries in dissuading President Amin from attending the Commonwealth conference in London next month.

After recent soundings at official level, it is quite clear that all Commonwealth counries—African members in-cluded—are opposed to Presi-dent Amin coming hers. They can be expected to support the British Government if it is forced, as a last resort, to bar the President, but they do not want to become embroiled in a public row,

A warning that even if President Amin were to leave the political scene in Uganda conditions there would not necessarily improve was given yesterday by a specialist in Commonwealth affairs.

The Ugandan regime would not change in character, Dr Michael Twaddle of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies told the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. unless the forces replacing President Amin were quite dif-ferent from him, possibly com-ing from outside the country. He said that the ubliquitous nature of the violence in Uganda showed that local com-

manders were a law unto Uganda and Human Rights is available at £3.50 plus 20p postage from Justice, 2, Clen Inn, London WC2A ZDX.

President --- Writ is issued over death of Mrs Bloch

. A writ was issued yesterday against President Amin over the death of Mrs Dora Bloch who was killed after the rescue with her at the time. He claims of the other hijack victims at in the writ that his mother's Entebbe. The writ, for civil death was caused by the damages, could be served on the begingence or deliberate act or who was killed after the rescon-I to Britain for the Com-wealth conference next th regardless of any British damages, could be served on the Ugandan leader if he arrives in did not care whether he

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hat he would say there Ir also names a second doe a bombshell to the defendant Major Farik Minava, sh". He would detail 2,000 of the State Research Bureau, when made by Britain and Kampala, who, according to Mr would make it impossible Greville Janner, Labour MP for conference dext month. Greville Janner, Labone MP for West Leicester, murdered Mrs

The plaintiff is Mr Ilen Harray, aged 50, Mrs. Bloch's eldest son, who lives in Jerusa-lem and who was travelling acts of the defendants, their

Mr Josser, who is a QC, said
President Amin, as head of a
Commonweaith country, would
have sovereign immunity, but
was entitled to waive that
immunity. "If he maintains that
he is floodeed of the death of
Mrs Bloch, then he should be
prepared to present himself at
the bar of British justice." servants or agents ".

Over 100,000 acclaim the Queen in Glasgow More than 100,000 Glaswegians welcomed the Queen to

their city on the first day of her Scottish jubilee tour yester-day and more than 60,000 crowded into George Square, in the city centre, where the Queen's walkabout had to be

There was no hint of the possible political protests about the royal visit after the Queen's recent speech, which was inter-

troversy was brought to the sur-face by Dr Thomas Torrance,

The congregation, of all denominations, heard him deliver a warning against Scotland's becoming a separate

current of an irrational and romantic sort which feed upon the mistakes of an overcentralized government and foster bitterness and separatism by placing a natrow-minded outlook over the common good of us all.

"We have failed to cope with the divisions that arise from the tyranny of an elected majority in Northern Ireland. But by transferring the divine right of an absolute monarch to our divine right of an absolute par-liament, we remain trapped in the tyrannoùs toils of an elected the tyrannous toils of an elected minority, menacing our freedom

Dr Torrence said that under one consecrated earthly sovereign in these islands the unity and ordered freedom of the people rested. He added:
"This does not mean some sterile uniformity, but rather such a multiform federated unity that the distinctive traditions of every part of our country may contribute to the deeper constitutional unity of an undivided kingdom and people".

In the peoples' rejoicing and thanksgiving to God for their beloved Queen they should renew their commitment to

unity.

The royal couple's crowded day began when they arrived on the new royal train at Glasgow Cantral station. From there they rode in the open Scottish state coach, escorted by the Household Cavalry, in a procession in the cathedral.

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along the route, the police man-ning only road junctions. On her way from the cathed-tal to a civic lunch, given by Mr David Rodge, the Lord Pro-

Before the toyal party rrived the crowd sang Flower of Scotland, a tradi arrived

Anthem.

A visit to Hampden Park to see the first half of a charity match between a Glasgow XI and an English Football League XI was the main event of the

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extended by 10 minutes because of the tumultuous welcome.

preted by some Scottish nation-alists as anti-devolutionist. However, the devolution con-

the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, when he preached at a national service of thanksgiving in Glasgow Cathedral.

He said : " Shrill ideas are

and unity."

informal walk among the 60,000 people crowded into

tional some which has become an unofficial Scottish national anthem and which was played by the band of the Royal Highland Fusiliers. The crowd also loined in singing the National Anthem



Presentation at No 10 : Police Constable Robert Matthews, who retires from the force next week after 16 years on duty outside 10 Downing Street, photo-

graphed with Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, after being presented with a camera and an original cartoon yesterday.

The camera, the gift of Fleet Street photographers, was presented by the Prime Minister. Mr Matthews is to become a doorkeeper inside No. 10.

Mr Healey outlines role of North Sea oil in expanding economy

By Malcolm Brown Mr Healey, the Chapcellor, said last night that North Sea oil would enable the economy to be run at a higher level of activity and employment than had been achieved recently, without rudning into balance of payments constraints.

Misuse of the oil could prove a curse rather than a blessing, and even properly utilized it would not in itself solve Britain's problems. But it would enable us to solve them with less painful and less sudden adjustments than would otherwise here been required.

otherwise bave been required. Mr Healey, who was speaking in London at the annual dinner of the Confederation of British Industry, stressed that the ben-efits of North Sea oil must not be used for a short-lived con-sumer boom. None the less the assurance of steadily expand-ing demand over a number of years would help to provide the conditions for expanding indus-

trial investment. "We must see that this investment is directed towards reliaving production bottle-necks in key sectors of the economy so that in future our rate of growth is less supplyconstrained, and towards raising the competitive performance of manufacturing industry as a

Britain's oil resources gave it time in which to repair the deterioration of its manufac-turning base over the past 30 years. It enabled us to earn our living in the world without resorting to devices which, however necessary in the short run, could not offer the basis for a long-term strategy for economic

On pay Mr Healey warned employers that as Britain moved into a period of greater flexibility there would be a heavy responsibility on them to see that this flexibility was not abused. In the outumn of 197 i some

employers-including I am sorry to say some in the financial sec-tor—contributed to the start of a wages explosion by giving large increases for reusons which seemed good to them, like the carrying out of restructurings they had in mind in 1972 or the restriction of different 1972 or the restoration of differentials built on the higher percentage increases which had been given to the lower paid."

Looking to the post-phase three situation Mr Healey said

that he agreed with the CBI that the objective should be to emulate the more effective pay bargaining systems of countries such as Scandinavia, Germany and Austria.

"But if such an approach to-wards pay determination is to succeed, it must be allied, as it has been in those countries, with social justice, steadily improving living standards and high levels of employment." None of these goals could be achieved unless Britain im-

proved the competitiveness of its manufacturing industry by means which required neither a steadily depreciating curreacy, nor a prolonged suspen-sion of normal collective bargaining.

This Government has the satisfaction of knowing that in the economic field the tide has already turned", Mr Healey

The balance of payments was moving into surplus more rapidly than the Government had expected and public spend-ing was under tighter control than had seemed likely. Be-cause of this the financial posi-tion of the country had been "transformed".

White Paper urges new controls on rail cash

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

Hopes of more state support for the railways, strongly urged by British Rail and the railway unions in recent months, will be dashed by the White Paper on transport policy, which is due out next month.

lostead, financial control over railway expenditure is expected to be tightened in accordance with disciplines imposed by the likely economic situation over the next few years and their implications for nationalized industries generally.

The White Paper, originally due for publication next week but now postponed until mid-June because of larger Cabinet preoccupations and printing difficulties; will nevertheless take a strongly positive line on the future of the railways, provided the board and unions put their house in order. Indeed, on the prospects for rull freight it takes a more bullish view than the board does.

The paper will not propose further closure of rural lines, but the low cost-benefit of some plained, as will the financial drain they impose on possibly more worthwhile expenditure for British Rail and the regional communities concerned.

Rural transport generally is expected to receive positive and sympathetic treatment. new ideas from the Government and further relaxation of the licensing system to encourage initiatives within the community.

National Bus Company, whose role as provider of most provincial and rural services the White Paper will emphasize. Taxes on heavy lorries will be

BBC's court action over cup final

By Michael Horsnell

The BBC will seek a High Court injunction today to stop industrial action now threaten-ing the television transmission of the FA Cup Final on Satur-

The decision was made after the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs (ABS), which has threatened to prevent satellite transmission of the game to South Africa, failed to give an assurance to the BEC that it-would not take industrial action.

The BBC said last night: "The injunction would be to restrain the association taking

industrial action in pursuance of a political aim. There has been no assurance and time is getting short." The ABS threat to prevent

the beaming of the match by satellite would also affect Australia, New Zealand, Hongkong, Malaysia and the Middle East.
Mr Anthony Hearn, general
secretary of the ABS, is expected to attend the High Court nearing this morning to oppose the BBC's move on the ground that an order to employees to carry out duties contrary national and internation national and international policy justifies a union dispute.

The ABS said the technical

difficulty of stopping satellite coverage might also mean that viewers in the United Kingdom would be unable to see the

That was denied by the BEC. which added that there was no possibility that the match might nut be screened in Britzin. The dispute has not spread to independent television, which also provides coverage of the match. Last year 17 million people

watched the Cup Final on BBC television in the United Kingdom. The estimated figure for the world was 400 million.

There will be help for the ruised again.

o Foot slur on judiciary r Callaghan insists

e great father figures of in agreement with him ine. But what with Mr With Mr Foot grinning McCaffrey and Mr Peter beside him like a naughty on Monday, and Mr schoolboy who has somehow lack Foot and the judges persuaded the headmaster of liday, his survival kit is his injured innocence and with given a testing time. given a testing time. h the Tories stirring up in the Commons, the

Minister came to the de-of Labour's deputy leader his remarks at the week-hat if the rights and freeuat if the rights and free-of the people, especially unionists, had been y dependent on judges we if have few-freedoms left Foot's remarks to the

Office Workers, Mr than said, were part of a prical exegesis. Then, Then, hackles rising all around House, he went on: House, he went on: kly, I do not think he far enough." Winston

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amentary Correspondent and checked at every step and the checked a

implying that, whatever the intentions of the Lord President, their distrust of judges was not restricted to the last century, Mr Callaghan added that he was not aware of any criticism of the judiciary. Mrs Thatcher leapt imo the fray like Boadicea. Mr Foot's totally disgraceful remark went farther than the trad unions, she shouled, and should be wholly repudiated. Mr Callagban, in the tone of

one driven by desperation to descend from the lottiest pinnacle to battle with mere mortals, thundered that as a man who had been a trade ting Sir Winston unionist an instance was referring he words the Leader of to the attitude of judges in the

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arp price increases on and chocolates

igh Clayton up auction prices in

oke Boud said vesterday ts third price rise of the vould take place on Monter clearance by the Price- to £1.28.

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Asked if Cadbury intended to ission. A 41b packet of Asked if Cadbury intended to pips would increase from charge more for bars of chocoo 321p, compared with late, a representative said.: Aschocolate prices have to reflect in August last year. chocolare prices have to reflect company said prices had cocoa bean prices they are connange between 1957 and stantly under review.

Review of army undercover work in Ulster

A reappraisal of many undercover intelligence operations by the Army in Ulster is thought to be under way after the kid-napping and suspected torture and murder napping and suspected tortuse and mirrier of Captain Robert Nairac, Senior officers are thought to be concerned about information that may have been extracted from him by the Provisional IRA. A search for his body was being centred on a quarry in south Armagh:

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Britain could save £1.000m by 1990s

Britain takes too little notice of population Britain takes too little nonce of population changes when planning social services, a report by the Government's "think tank" says: today. If Britain used population projections properly, the Central Policy Review Staff says; it could save up to \$1,000m of public expenditure by the 1990s and provide better services by redeploying resources

Suicide pact by couple A husband and wife, aged 18 and 24, were

driven to a suicide pact, in which the man died, because they could not find a house they could afford, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court. The wife who pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the suicide of her husband, was placed on two Page 5

Talks better than war

Preedom in Rhodesia and Namibia can still be established by negotiation rather than by the gun, a British minister argued at the United Nations conference in Maguto. But there would be no backsliding over Eritain's commitment to majority rule by next year, he said

Israel floating vote

Nearly half a million Israeli voters were meany near a million Israeli voters were still undecided, according to a last minute opision poll when polling stations opened vesterday. It, put the Labour Alignment and the right-wing Likud running almost neck-and-neck. The large floating vote was expected to benefit the new Democratic Movement for Change, Official results are expected by Friday.

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performance: Angela Rippon, the BBC television newsreader, in the winner's enclosure at Goodwood race meeting yesterday after riding Star Performance victory in a match against Deborah Johnsey on Bird Cherry. Riding a racehorse for the first time in public. Miss Rippon carried out her riding instructions to the letter and won by seven lengths

Conten title bout off

John Conten, the world light-heavyweight boxeog champion, said yesterday he had withdrawn from his title defence against Miguel Cuello, of Argentina, in Monaco on Saturday. He was granted an injunction in the High Court yesterday, effecfive until Friday, preventing the British Boxing Board of Control and two members of the World Boxing Council from depriving him of his title.

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TO WHITE STREET Changes planned in household rating

Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, is expected to announce government plans to change the way in which household rates are charged. The Government supports a recommendation of the Layfield committee on local government finance that in future rates should be based on house prices insread of the present system of assumed rentals Page 2

Red Cross 'deceived

A Red Cross team which visited Indonesian political prisons earlier this year was deceived over conditions in the prisons, a smurgled letter from a prominent detained claims. The Red Cross, which usually does not comment publicly on such visits, says its representatives did not dis cover "the real conditions of detention"

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Army review of Ulster undercover activity after IRA murder of Captain Nairac

From Christopher Walker

The Army is understood to be undertaking a thorough reappraisal of many of its. undercover intelligence opera-tions in Northern Ireland after the kidnapping and subsequent suspected torture and murder of Captain Robert Nairac. Senior officers are thought

to be concerned about information he may have been forced to give the Provisional IRA's south Armagh unit while being

"interrogated".

The IRA has been known to carry our brutal tortures against informers and outsiders ern Ireland suspected of involvement with Those co

the security forces.

The Army fears that such treatment was also meted out to Captain Nairac, aged 29, before his murder, described by the IRA as an "execution". Since the disappearance of Since the disappearance of Captain Nairac on Saturday from the car park of The Three Steps public house at Drumin-tee, near Forkhill, south Armagh, efforts have been made to establish the extent of his knowledge about the Army's

His connexion with the Special Air Service Regiment is still not clear. The Army

denies that he was attached to assume local access and pro-the regiment although he was vide an invaluable source of inbased at the camp in a disused mill in Bessbrook, where the main SAS unit is stationed. It described him as a liaison officer between the Army and the police, but officers acknowledge that he had been involved in undercover work for some

time before his disappearance.

Army sources say his assignment involved building a nerwork of contacts in south Armagh, which lies on one of the main supply routes of arms and explosives coming from the Irish Republic into North-

Those contacts are also feared to be at risk because of the publication of Captain Nairac's photograph in almost every British and Irish newspaper vesterday. An attempt is expected by the south Armagh Provisional IRA to trace all those suspected of having mer him during his infiltration of

the local community.

The publicity given to the incident is considered to have also damaged further under-cover operations, particularly those involving the growing number of soldiers (by no means all members of the SAS) who work in ordinary clothes,

formation about terrorist

Undercover work has been increasing recently and is a factor behind the continuing high level of arrests of sus-pected terrorists. All informa-tion is pooled in a computer shared by army intelligence and the RUC's Special Branch. Although Captain Nairac's

knowledge of undercover activities would have been limited, he would have had vital information about methods

The extent to which that information may now be known to the Provisional IRA will become clear in the weeks to

Peace talks: Secret berween a Belfast and a Dublin lawyer aimed at securing an eventual peace agreement between "loyalist" and republican paramilitary groups were condemned by politicians on both sides of the border yester-

ductive meetings took place earlier this year between Mr Desmond Boal, a leading Northern Ireland lawyer, and Mr Sean MacBride, a former

Irish Republic and a prewa-They were instigated by a

Protestant and Roman Catholic churchmen, some of whom had connexions with ceasefire talks in 1974 with leaders of the Provisional IRA. Much of the discussion is understood to have centred on Mr Boal's plan for a federated Ireland. The intention was to put suggestions to the paramilitary leaders

The slim chance of any success seems to have evaporated with the disclosure of the meetings on a television programme earlier this week. The Ulster Defence Association and Ulster Volunteer Force, the largest loyalist groups, have denied any involvement with the talks. The UDA also threatened any of its members discovered to be tak-

Politicians from the Official Unionist and Alliance parties have atacked the notion of any negotiations with members of paramilitary groups. In Dublin, Dr O'Brien, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs said: "This government does not believe in placating terrorists or negotia-ting with them."

Government aims to change rate charges

Government proposals for a fundamental change in the charging of household rates are expected to be announced by Mr Shore Secretary of State for the Environment, in the

Government supports the recommendation of the Lay-He will tell MPs that the field committee on local government finance that in future rates could be based on house prices instead of assumed rentals, the present system.

Those views, however, are conditional, for the Government is hoping to publish on the same day a consultative Green Paper on its response to the Layfield recommendations. Because of printing difficulties publication may be delayed, which would mean Mr Shore postponing his statement.

Another proposal to be made by Mr Shore involves the delicate area of relationships between central government and local authorities and where responsibilities lie and direction ends. Mr Shore is expected to suggest that in future local authorities should be responsible for the whole of their housing policy; at present direction is given on whether the emphasis should be on building or home improvement. The Government will hold further discussions on its proposals, including the shift on rates. The new system would be based on capital values, the price a house would realize if sold on the open market. While

sold on the open market. While house prices fluctuate with the market, it is suggested that the difficulties of individual assessment could be overcome by banding houses in price

Spanish car ferry crew strikes in Southampton

that the Monte Toledo and her sister ship, the Monte Granada, had been sold to Libya. As a

Two officials of the Spanish seamen's union arrived in

The crew voted by 120 to 30 to strike because of unsatisfactory redundancy terms of between 15 days and one year's

From Our Correspondent

Spanish seamen on the Aznar Line's car ferry Monte Toledo have gone on strike and refuse to sail from Southampton back to Spain.

Last month it was announced that the Monte Toledo and the

result, 10,000 Britons who had booked passages between Britain and Spain had to cancel

Southampton yesterday to dis-cuss the strike with the crew. The strike is official.

The Queen meeting Glaswegians during her walkabout yesterday. Poor planning may produce too

By Par Healy Social Services Correspondent Britain is in danger of pro-ducing too many teachers, mat-ernity units and school places because too little notice is taken of population changes in plan-

of population changes in plan-ning social services, the Central Policy Review Staff, the Gov-ernment's "think tank", says today. Yet if population pro-jections were used properly they could both provide better services by the redeployment of resources and save up to £1,000m of public expenditure by the 1990s.

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The CPRS, in a report on the implications for social expenditure of a possible long-term decline in the hirthrate, acknowledges that fluctuations in the birthrate over the last 20 years have produced population pro-jections that have oscillated wildly. But the report points out that birth rates are not the

only factor affecting need and that the variant projections developed since the 1970s should be considered in planning social services. The report uses three differ-

ent population projections to assess the likely need for various social services over the next 10 to 15 years. They are the central projection already used by Government departments in planning policies, the continuing low variant, and a very low projection specially prepared by the report.

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All three projections show
a pattern of further decline, followed by a peak of births in
the 1930s when females born
in the early 1960s will have
their children, and a gradual
fall in numbers to the end of
the century.

Those options would meet the known needs, the report says, taking into account the expec-ted peak of births in the 1980s and the expected decline in the

many teachers and maternity units

and the expection decline of the 1990s.

The further decline of the numbers of schoolchildren in the 1980s poses two basic options; whicher the number of teachers should decline proportionately with pupils or whether there should be some compromise, by allowing a higher pupil/teacher ratio and more induction and in-service.

training.

Surplus accommodation in school buildings in the 1989s, could be retained for later use, sold off or used for alternative. community purposes.

With fewer children expected in the 1980s, there is scope to redeploy beds and manpower in hospitals and a case for in hospitals and a case for central guidance to achieve redeployment locally to make the most effective use of paediatricisms and nurses with child nursing qualifications.

A continued law level of births would enable further options to be exercised, the report says. They include a further reduction of materially services, the redeployment of

further reduction of materatry services, the redeployment of medical manpower, a lower priority for nursery education, and more emphasis on community care for children.

But all projections point to a considerable saving in social security, because the decline in the numbers of children will-bring down the cost of child benefit.

fall in numbers to the end of the century.

The report, which is the century and very low projections would be significant, rate will affect only numbers. is.

the central and very low projections would be significant, the report says. The difference could amount to well overstion, health, personal social security.

Already a number of options could be exercised in social services planning without relying on any projected level of births, if population changes are taken into account.

In maternity services there could be some reduction in the length of stay in hospital, some reduction of the proportion of babies born in hospital, some endorsement of the current partly because there are argumently are the britance of the proportion of the proportion of the proportion are the period it covers. Neverthether the proportion of the proportion with a supplier to the proportion of the proportion of the proportion of the proportion are the period it covers. Neverthether the proportion of the proportion with a s

But the asymmetry is susper the report says. Special vig ties for temporary redeployment and that resources are not mis

allocated by default.

Apart from the fact that plan ning for the social services takes insufficient account of demographic change, the 18the social services demonstrate a virtual insatiability of needs But, the report says, resource can never be provided on a scale that will meet to the ful the hopes of professional procitioners, the ambitions of presure groups or even the expec-tations of the public.

The number of elderly people The number of elderly people is expected to increase gradually, by 400,000 in the 25-years to 2001, compared with an increase of 2.600,000 in the 24 years between 1961 and 1975. But within the toulnumber over retirement age of 9,300,000 in both 1975 and 2001 the numbers of very elderly are expected in grow disproportionarely.

The 75-84 use group is expected to increase from 2,200,000 in 1975 to around 2.800,000 in 1990, and remain above 2.500,000 to the end of the century. The 65-nlus and proup is expected to rise from 500,000 to 740,000 in 2001. The growth in the number

of very elderly people will place considerable exm demands on the health and social services, and increase the demand for sheltered housing.

Responses will have to be provided in part by switching

from one programme to an other", the report says. "The room for such switching will be affected to an important extent by the responsiveness of programmes change.
"Ministers' ability to enwire

better room for manneyme in to an important extent on their willingness to take a hard look at the implications of dem-graphic trends and take early decisions."

Population and the Social Services (Stationery Office, £2.25).

Bomb trial jury hears details of 16 attacks Mr Donnelly then went to within a few yards of Mr Manor Road. He was arrested

yesterday was shown a display of timing devices similar to ones alleged to have been found in the flat of a young Irish nurse who has since fled

The prosecution also gave detail of 16 bomb incidents that it says the defendants were responsible for. Mr Brian Leary said the case concerned a six-week campaign

of terror last year by an active service unit of the Provisional IRA. The unit was said to have made 15 bombs, of which 13 exploded, causing one death, widespread injury, and £100,000 damage. One of the explosions was on

West Ham Tube train and led to the death of its driver. Air Leary said the train was on its way towards Hammersmith when passengers saw smoke coming from a duffelbag on the floor.

A young woman asked a man, A young woman asked a man, who was almost certainly Mr Donnelly what it was. The woman, would describe how the man stared fixedly at the bag and said: "I don't know." Almost as he spoke, the bomb exploded, blowing the cnach wide open and blasting some of the passengers on to the track.

As Mr Joseph Stephen, the driver, halted the train, Mr Donnelly jumped out, and appeared to be burt. Mr Stephen also got out, and sig-nalled another train to stop.

Important changes involving

the reversal of several estab-lished policies on office devel-opment throughout the south-

east economic planning region were announced in the Commons last night by Mr. Shore, Secretary of State for the

Environment.
In line with recent announce-

ments on help for the inner cities aimed at giving a stimu-

lus to employment, particularly in the construction industry, Mr Shore said that office devel-

opments in which no more than 200 to 300 people were em-ployed would be exempted from

courol throughout the region.

An order would be laid before
Parliament increasing the
exemption limit for office

development permits from 15,000 to 30,000 sq ft. The minister added that that would

lift controls from about 55, per cent of the applications now

being received by the depart-

enc.
Announcing the changes

By Our Parliamentary

Westminster

Controls relaxed on office

development in London

Stephen and, for no apparent reason, fired a revolver at

point-blank range killing him. Mr Leary said that Mr Peter Chalk, a Post Office engineer, who had run along the rack to help the injured came face to face with Mr Donnelly, who was reloading the gun. Mr Chalk said he was only there to help the injured, but Mr Donnelly shot him in the

The first policemon to arrive was Police Constable David Wheal. Mr Donnelly raised his gun and shot at the officer, who heard a bullet whistle over his head.

PC Wheal made a radio call and then reversed his car in the direction of West Ham section. He again stopped and got out, to see where Mr Don-nelly was heading. Mr Donnelly was walking towards him along the track, and again shot

He pointed his gun at Mr Rushton, who ran to warn people that an armed man was approaching. Mr Donnelly climbed on to the platform, still brandishing his gun, and made towards the station exit in

ment Bill, Mr Shore said that

one of the reasons for the relaxation was that congestion

was no longer a serious prob-lem in central London. Since

1954 the passenger traffic figures during the rush hour had declined by 200,000, while

later. Mr Donnelly, Mr Leav said. was taken to hospital, where a bullet was found which he bad fired lifto his chest. It had gone right through his body and come out the other side. As staff were trying to undress him Mr Donnelly was shouting "English bastards!... Poxy Protestant!".

He gave his name as "Frank Guinness" and asked the police "How many of you bastards have I taken with me?"

The jury was also told of an explosion at Selfridge's in which four people were injured and of an attempt to disrupt London's Underground by planting a bomb at Oxford Circus They also heard how one of

the defendants, Patrick Hackett, lost a hand and seriously injured a leg when an alleged bomb exploded in his pocket in Stanbope Gardens, Kensington. The prosecution also des-cribed a bomb attack at Wood Austron walking towards the damaged front of the train. Mr Rushton asked Mr Donnelly if he was an injured passenger and he allegedly replied: "Get minute hand removed and a drawing pin driven through the four first part of the way, or I will let you have it," drawing pin driven through the face. When the hour had made contact inside the face with the tip of the pin a wired circuit would be completed. Another showed how gas lighter elements could be used in a circuit with detonating

He also showed the jury a complex device built into a cigar box which used the timer from a parking meter.

from a parking meter.

The defendants are: Patrick Joseph Hackett, aged 27, a trainee butcher of Clapham Ccammou North Side; Adrian Vincent Donnelly, aged 36, a strei fitter, of Bonham Road, Brixton; John Hayes, aged 26, unemployed, of Longbeach Road; Lavender Hill, Bottersea, and Mrs Sarah Ana Donnelly aged 45, home help, and aunt of the second defendant, of Harleyford Road, Kennington, all London. All are charged, with others,

All are charged, with others, with conspiring to cause explosions. Mr Hackett is charged with having explosives and causing an explosion; Mr Donnelly faces charges of possessing explosives, murder, attempted murder, causing and attempting to cause grievous bodily harm; Mr Hayes with having explosives and causing an explosion and with Mrs an explosion and with Mrs Donnelly to obstructing justice.

Mrs Donnelly is also charged with contributing £500 to a proscribed organization, the

Mrs Donnelly has pleaded not guilty. Mr Hayes and Mr Hackett chose not to plead and Mr Justice Croom-Johnson ordered pleas of not guilty to be recorded. Pleas of not guilty were also recorded for Mr

The trial continues today.

Students' leader decides

By Judith Judd, of The Times Higher Education Supplement Mr Andrew Strouthous, president of the North East London Polytechnic students' union, tho has been in Pentonville

pute with the polytechnic. His solicitors have asked for hearing in the High Court at

Representatives of the National Union of Students visited. Mr Strouthous in prison yesterday to urge him to accept the formula worked out by the NUS, the National and Local Govern-

Mr Strouthous was jailed for

people as distinct from being threatened with inarticulate, idiotic abuse and physical violence, we shall take cog-nizance of them. We are willing to listen to reason."

Mr Charles Clarke, president of the NUS, said: "If Mr Strouthous tures, it down, he will simply be demonstrating his desire to be a political martyr."

martyr."

He said that occupations of the West Ham and Barking precincts in protests against Mr Strouthous's impressionment had done no good whatever. A general meeting of students tomorrow will decided whether they should continue.

Dr Brosan has sireenly closed the West Ham precinct and some students baye been presome students have been pre-vented from taking examin-

Mr Stronthour, whose term of office ends on June 30, has already been expelled from the polytechnic. Or Brosan said it would be up to the governors to decide whether he should be readmitted. "Personally I would say it depends a great deal on his behaviour and the way he conducts hunself."

Minister alleges race 'cover-up' by Press Council | Mr Callaghan By David Leigh Political Staff

By Our Political Staff The Press Council seemed determined to cover up blemishes in newspaper handling of racial issues, Mr Grant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said last

Referring to the way the Press Council criticized the Community Relations Commis-sion last week for its comments on newspaper behaviour, Mr Grant said: "Of course the press cannot only report the good things and ignore the evil."

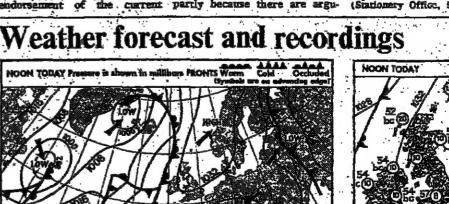
But the Press Council, in once again throwing its all-embracing protective cloak over the news-paper industry, seemed deter-mined to cover up all the blemishes and to ignore the fact that news is usually what the media say is news, Mr Grant said. "The hit or miss criteria for it may be based on commercial reasons, political expediency, or the very propaganda function the Press Conncil presented to decry. "Newspapers may not fully control news but they can create it, project or suppress it and set the context in which it.

of the present ambassador, Sir Peter Ramsbotham.

Mr Callaghan had attempted to avoid responsibility for what had happened by blanding it on the lobby system, Mr Blaker said, and went on to reaffirm his confidence in the lobby correspondents.

made clear his unhappiness with the way the present lobby system of unattributable briefis considered. On race, the overall record is decidedly questionable, although there are honourable exceptions and even some signs of an awakening." ings has een conducted.

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Today

Sun rises: 5.5 am New Moon: 3.51 am
Lighting up: 9.20 pm to 4.33 am
High water: London Bridge, 2.57
am, 7.0m. (23.1ft); 3.16 pm, 7.1m.
(23.5ft). Avonmouth, 8.21 am,
12.4m. (40.7ft); 8.32 pm, 12.6m.
(41.2ft). Dover, 12.17 pm, 6.3m.
(41.2ft). Hull, 7.11 am, 6.9m.
(22.7ft); 7.24 pm, 6.8m. (22.4ft).
Liverpool, 12.7 am, 6.8m. (23.8ft);
12.22 pm, 8.8m. (28.7ft).

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Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyl, NW Scotland; Mostly dry, sunny intervals; wind SE or S, light or moderate; max temp 13°C (55°F).

ight or moderate; max temp 13°C (55°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shedland:
Dry, summy periods; wind E or
SE light; max temp 10°C (55°F).
Outlook for temesrow and Friday: Mostly dry, summy periods, cloud and rain spreading to some S areas later; many near normal, but rather cool near E coasts.

Sea passages: S North Sea.
Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE strong to gale; sea rough. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

While pressure remains low over the Continent, a ridge of high pressure will internally across Scotland.

London, SE and central S England.

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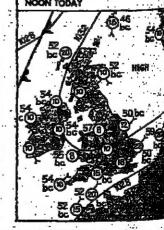
Esta: Anglia. Channel Islands: Sunsy intervals, isolated showers developing; wind NE, fresh or strong; max temp 13°C (55°F). 11°C (52°F) near coasts.

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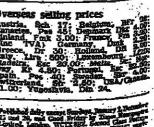
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At the resorts 24 hours to 6 pm, May 17





during the second reading of the Control of Office Develop-Fluoridation is effective, Mr Ennals says

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yester-day that he is satisfied that fluoridation of water supplies is

safe and the most effective and economical measure for preventing tooth decay.

Speaking at a dental health conference in London, he said:

"To those who may have been worried by the sometimes hys-terical criticism aimed at fluoridation, I emphasize that there have already been extensive studies here and abroad.

"These have not shown any

harmful effect associated with the level of fluoridation received during periods of over 30 years in North American and over 20 years in those parts of the United Kingdom where fluoridation has been prac-

Bird memorized phone number

A lost budgerigar puzzled a family who found it by persist-ently repeating "223723". Then Mrs Gloria Froggatt, of Minver Crescent, Aspley, Nortingham dialled the figures on her tele-phone, and the bird's owner

answered.
Mrs Muriel Hydes, a widow, of Blandford Road, Chilwell, Nottingham, had taught her pet to repeat the number. Appeals had been made on local radio for the missing bird.

about 10 per cent fewer people worked in the central area. Mr Shore said he intended also to give permits for a limited number of speculative office buildings in inner London. When the economy picked up again it would be reasonable to expect an upturn in demand for new and better

In line with the changes, Mr Shore announced a new role for the Location of Offices Bureau which, until now, has been trying to persuade businesses to move out of London.

Its new role would include attracting international concerns to provide office employment in Britain, including London des alternational attention. don, glying particular attention to office employment in inner-urban areas, also including London.

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Television can ' help to reduce violence'

By a Staff Reporter Television can help to reduce violence by arousing public disapproval of those who perpetrate it, Sir Michael Swann, chairman of the BBC, argued

last night. Speaking at Bath University, he said that the possibility that a few maladjusted people might be incited to antisocial behaviour by seeing violence on the screen had weighed too heavily in the public mind.

"It seems likely, for instance, that the enormous social pressures that built up on President Nixon to end the Vietnam war were largely due to television, to the sight day after day of what that war " Indeed, one must now doubt whether any democratic country

can ever again wage an extended war except in the most incontestable circumstances of self-defence." A more modest, but widespread, revulsion against violence had developed a few years ago in Britain, again, he

years ago in Britain, again, he believed, as a result of tele vision. Violent demonstrations involving students and political groups, and violent picketings in the later stages of the Heath Government, had all been shown on television news bulletins. The result had been a wave of public disapproval of such violence

Mr Powell to the rescue

Continued from page 1

past to the trade union move

of trade union lore he quoted at length from his little red book of judicial misjudgments. To some of the more gullible that sort of material may have sounded like Mr Callaghan's favourite bedside reading. To order, less respectful MPs, there was clearly a nasty sus-picion that the good Mr McCaffrey had been making up

for the Sir Peter Ramsbotham fiasco by looking up a few relevant dates for his Downing Street master. Anyway, as Mrs Thatcher retorted, Mr Callaghan's words would satisfy few people and she demanded an assurance that the judiciary was as highly regarded as it should be in ministerial circles.

Any attempt to suggest that Mr Foot was describing today's judges was totally false, Mr Callughan repeated. The Lord-President was casting no reflec-tions on those worthy men, and

that was just another red herring.

With Mr Powell coming to his rescue, Mr Callaghan agreed that it was Parliament's right to alter the law as established by the decisions of the courts at any time. It was Parliament that had to be brought in on every occasion to deal with the interpretations of the law given by judges. that was just another red

Parliamentary report, page

Abbey inquiry opens today

By Our Planning Reporter
The future of Revesby
Abbey, in Lincolnshire, is the
subject of a public inquiry
which opens today. East Lindsey District Council has declined consent for demolition of
the house, which is listed
grade 2 and is considered to
be one of the finest products be one of the finest products of the nineteenth-century Elizabethan/Jacobean revival. It was converted into flats some years ago. but is unoccupied

Princess Anne's cold Princess Anne developed a

banquet at the Mansion House, London, last night. Correction A headline on May 13 stated:

"Bigger British bacon, beef and skim milk 'mountains'." There is no "mountain" of bacon anywhere in the KEC.

cold over the weekend and lost

her voice, it was stated at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

She was unable to attend a

today on peace formula ters are put to us by responsible

prison for a week, will state today whether he will accept a peace formula to settle his dis-

which they are expected to say whether he agrees.

ment Officers' Association and the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher

refusing to obey an injunction barring him from the polytechnic's premises. Now the polytechnic has agreed to vary the injunction so that he can enter the students' union to cerry out his duties as president. his duties as president.
Asked whether the settlement

meant a climb down for the polytechnic, Dr George Brosan, the director, said: "When mat-

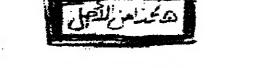
Tory's motion tries to blame

> Political Staff
> Mr Peter Blaker, the Conservative MP whose allegations about Prime Ministerial press briefings have put the present lobby system for journalists in doubt, stirred the pot again last night by putting down a motion with the tacit support of Mr John Davies, the Tory foreign affairs spokesman.
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> His early-day motion tries to His early-day motion tries to pin on the Prime Minister the blame for the various stories about the undestrability of the

> present ambassador in Washington which circulated in the wake of controversy about the sprointment of his son-in-law, Mr Peter Jay, as the neir ambassador.
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> The lobby system was abosed by the Government, Mr Blaker says, in order to make an attack on the professional competence of the present ambassador, Str Peter Ramsbotham.

correspondents.

Mr Callaghan early this week





Great Scot.

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out in five-galion cans and refuelling was done in farmers' fields—by prearrangement with the farmers.

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Chemists say profit squeeze threatens service to the public

Health Services Correspondent Government policy is squeezing chemists' profits on National Health Service pres-criptions to the point where stocks cannot be replaced and patients may soon have to make more than one visit to get medicine, according to the Pharmaceutical ervices Negotiating Committee. The committee says the service is in danger of breaking down as

ore chemists shops close. Talks with officials of the Department of Heasth and Socail Security have reached an impasse after 13 months, and a meeting is being sought with Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services.

The committee said yester-day that not only had the department refused to meet the claim for an increase, it was also "clawing back" money, an estimated film this year, apparently because of nemists' increased efficient The department contended that increased efficiency was rew-arded, but that was not so. ains from the usual means of increasing profitability, such as discount buying, more efficient overheads and improved pro-ductivity meant less recom-

heads by cutting staff or mov-ing to premises with lower rent, the savings were re-flected in the next cost inquiry, and the overheads reduced. Any increase in pro-ductivity by dispensing more prescriptions meant that over-heads were divided by the

Mr Alan Smith, chief execurive of the committee, said chemists did not want to be "feather-bedded" but they were frightened that they were on the edge of a precipice so far as service to the public was

Chemists' shops had been closing at the rate of four a week for the pat four years. In in profit on a prescription. In 1977 the rofit was 4.8p, which in 1974 terms was only 2.8p a prescription. The average pro-fit on NHS business was £1.600 fit on NHS business was £1.600 a year. Pharmmatists felt particularly aggrieved because they were responsible people providing a service, were aware of the difficult national economic situation and had subsidized colleagues in difficult areas with a fund of a third of a million pounds to help them to keep open.

Mr. Coiff David chaleman of

Mr Griff David, chairman of Mr Griff David, chairman of the committee, said it was unfair that retail business not connected with the prescription of medicine In chemists' shops might be used as an argument against an increase: that side of chemists' activities was "not so healthy", particularly in great chairs. was "not so healthy", particu-larly in small shops.

The Pharmaceutical Socity, representign 30,000 pharma-cists, said last niight that no other profession or group of P would be pprepared to accept not only no increase a pay-ments but a 23 per cent reduc-tion in net profits from the Construence. The signation Government. The situation would lead to serious inconvenience for the public.

Cancer test techniques 'approach the ultimate'

By Our Health Services

Physical tests for cancer are probably reaching the ultimate in technique and already contribute enormously to the cor-rect diagnosis and localization of the common malignant dis-eases, Mr Michael Baum, senior lecturer at the University Hos-pital of Wales, said in London

In a paper at the annual symposium of the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, he said that with this improvement in accuracy techniques had also mended to become safer and less arduous for patients.

Professor Dennis Parke, head f the department of bio chemistry at Surrey University said that many new approaches being made One exciting study was of the needs of cancer for thiamine and

At the Marie Curie Foundation it had been shown that enzymes from malignant rumours were immunologically different from normal host enzymes. The effects of enzymes: antisera on those enzymes were

surgeon at the Royal Maryden. Injected into small animals in Hospital, London, criticized syn-large doses.

theric cigarettes. Smokers would still inhale the products of combustion and would still be in danger, he said. If people felt that a synthetic cigarette was safer, they would continue to smoke and might go back to all-tobacco cigarettes.

People had to be persuaded to stop smoking, not to sub-stitute one form of smoking for another. The Government should sct with a complete smoking control programme, and tribacco should be priced out of the market.

Speaking on industrial cancer rofessor Michael Alderson. professor of epidemiology Institute of Cancer Research London, said career couroi in industry depended on collahoration among industry Government, and the public.

specific relationship between, say, a chemical agent and a cancer could not be the only criterion for action. If the relative risk of a disease was remote more harm might be done to the community by closing a plant and worrying thousands of workers than by azent whose impact upon disease was negligible, even though that agent could be shown to cause cancer when

Union to launch offensive in the catering industry

From Arthur Osman Birmingham

Mr Alan Law, regional trade group secretary of the Trans-port and General Workers Union in Birmingham, who has moulded his lorry driver mem-bers into a potent and muchfeared force, announced yester-day that in future he would be dealing with the hotel business including Trust Houses Forte (THF), with which the union has been in dispute for several

The TGWU is seeking a larger membership among the esti-mated one million potential recruits in the hotel and catering industry and it appears that the aggressive approach that Mr Law employed in the road haulage industry will be enardout

in the new campaign.

Mr Law, who has not, in the past, shown the highest regard for the press, summoned reporters to hear his review of the dispute at THW's Night manguam, which is now in the hands of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service. The union has lifted its ban on supplies to other THF establishments, notably fuel supplies to motorway restaurants while

the inquiry is held.
The Night Out dispute began when a waitress was dismissed, ellegedly for rudeness to customers. She had been trying to recruit workmates into the

are bending over backwards hel, HF to save face; the to hel, HF to save face; the The dispute began over the dis-saving of face for a manage missal of chambermaids.

ment that has made a decision and is not big enough to know how to get out of it. They are saying 'no' because they are not skilled enough professionally to know how to say 'yes'."

He said THF had refused to give each of the 13 strikers two years' pay, a total of £26.000, as an alternative to reemploying them. He pointed out that the company had spent £30,000 on advertising its view of the

Asked about people who might not want to join the union in the new drive, he said: "They will be in sooner or later, as soon as they wake up and see the light. I am quite confident about that. They will confident about that. They realize they have been used as pawns and we shall welcome them with open arms."

Mr Law, aged 58, a former forry driver, made his reputa-tion in the transport industry with tactics that included black lists, lightning strikes and de-

accepted payments of £300 to £500 from THF and agreed to call off the strike; which began 23 weeks ago.

Mr Geoffrey Hulett, district officer for the Transport and General Workers' Union in

The Law said: We have told Oxford, said other hotels should not be complacent, for the will reinstate her.

We are herding over hotels.

Broadmoor men accused of siege murder

From Our Correspondent Reading

strangled a fellow inmate dur- of the defence.

told yesterday. David Cheeseman, aged 32, and Robert Mawdsley, aged 28. Francis, who was bound appeared before the court for committed proceedings on a charge of murdering David Francis, aged 26, during the siege last February. Both were ally assaulted a friend-

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sent in custody to Reading Crown Court. Reporting restric-Broadmoor patients tions were lifted at the request

ing a 10-hour siege, magistrates Mr Peter Spencer, for the at Bracknell, Berksbire, were Director of Public Prosecutions. Mr Peter Spencer, for the said they barricaded themselves in a changing room with Mr The defendants said they wanted to read statements in

because Mr Francis had sexu-

More unions join in phase three

The pay policy went on trial way staff supported a phase three.

The main prosecution witnesses are vet to be heard. Among them is the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers which is siming to press for a return to unfettered wage bargaining among 19 unions embraced by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineer-ing Unions.

of the unions next to the transport workers, will make its move at the annual meeting of the confederation next month. The organization covers 2,500,000 workers and a "no" vote would be a serious set-back for the advocates of pay

despire the rejection of pay restraint by the union's dominant engineering section. Mr William Ronksley, presi-dent of the Associated Society.

tioued the dismanting of the railway system. Clearly hinting at industrial action, he said the union would have no alternative but to oppose such proposals by every means at its

now, he said the working class was in revolt against rapidly falling living standards. "At least Beeching did his dirty. work openly. Now we are ex-periencing a Beeching exercise by the back door. Unless we can persuade the

Government to increase invest-ment in British Rall now our railways will be little more than scrap when they will be needed most due to the short-

Salaried Staffs' Association which has 70,000 members, voted yesterday for another stage of pay policy. But it called for a correction of pay

berough, said that another year of restraint was an essential

The British Institute

that rewards skill and responsi-bility.

The lostitute, representing 53,000 menagers, is deeply con-cerned about the squeeze on managers' differentials and wants incentives restored. Sir Derek Ezra, its obsirman, will head the delegation. hezd the delegation.
Timothy Raison, MP, page 16

Council charman

By Our Health Services

Sir Kenneth Thompson, a former junior minister, has been elected the first Council chairman of Merseyside County

Anti-abortionists' rally

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children charactered for the lobby. At organized a mass lobby of members of Parliament resterday to try to influence the Government to give time for debote on Mr Williams Benyon's Abortion (Amendment) Eill.

People were deeply concerned about the operation of the 1967 Act, the society said. For the Government to refuse, as it has done, to give time for debate of the Bill was "tanta-

debate of the Bill was "tantamount to stiffing the wisnes of Bill, but simply to allow disParliament". No government cussion and debate on amendcould afford to override the
considerable public opinion in
support of the Bill without MPs."

by Our Health Services fisking put of Correspondence next electron of Unborn Children chartered organized a mass lobby of members of Parliament resterday to try to influence the Government to give the state of the corresponding to the correspondence of the corresponding to the

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again at the union conferences yesterday. The train drivers said it was a dead duck, civil servants gave it grudging approval, and white-collar rail-

The AUEW, second larges

Mr Hugh Scanlon, AUEW Mr Hugh Scanlon, AUEW president, seems certain to continue in the present TUC-Government talks on what follows when the phase two wage agreement ends on July 31,

of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, told his union's conference at Buxton: "The social contract is not only a dead duck, it is a political liability and should be buried without

He also warned the Govern-ment of "real trouble" from footplate men if the coming White Paper on transport con-

Declaring the social contract to be an unmitigated disaster for Government and the eco-

The white-collar Transport

anomalies. There was also overwhelming

support for a phase three yesterday from the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, which has 100,000 members to salary ranges of up to £15,000. Its annual conference, at Scarprerequisite for an orderly return to free collective bargain-

Management today meets Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, to press the need for another pay policy, but one that rewards skill and responsi-

Children from 30 London schools taking part in the twentieth annual country dance party at Coram's Fields, Bloomsbury, London, yesterday. Postmen vote Dr Eysenck's interpretation of twins study challenged by colleague

income variation.

The findings referred only to the question of who eerns more than someone else, he said in evidence submitted jointly with Mits Nicola Madge, Mr A. cerned more than Mr B. because of genetic and environmental inclusences in

roughly equal measure. But the degree to which some people earned much more than others

with the United Kingdom Gov erament, under which duties of

collected at mainland rates by British customs and excise offi

cials and an agreed amount repaid annually to the island.

increased petrol and oil taxes meant that "in jubiles year

the Finance Board, showed that the Manx Government had to pay out rebates of £187,500 to equalize increased taxes on all

and perrol. All the island's electricity is generated from oil-

A select committee is study

fuelled power stations.

Manamen were the mugs

Figures presented by

Mr Kerruish said figures on

By Neville Hodgkinson
Social Policy Correspondent
A suggestion last week by Dr
Hans Eysenck that the results benefits are an assault on genefically defermined differences, and that the limits to which such measures can be employed by the state without provoking a mass reaction have long been passed in Britain.

Dr Michael Ruster, professor of child psychiatry at the institute and joint summer of Cycles of Disadvantage, an important survey of research in the field, told the commission yesterday that the American furdings had little bearing on the extent of of a study of twins in America meant that the Royal Commis-mon of the Distribution of In-come and Wealth "might as well pack up" was challenged at a hearing of the commission The Union of Post Office Workers repudiated one of trade unionism's fundamental

yesterday.

The study, among nearly 2,500 pairs of twids, indicated that genetic factors were about 50 per cent responsible in determining the level of the twins earnings in a given environment. Differences in family background and educational opportunity appeared to have opportunity appeared to have had little effect, but there was a big contribution from uniden-tified environmental influences. Dr Eysenck, professor of psy-chology at the Institute of Psychiatry, London University, argues that egalitarian measures

worker's abilit yto meet stan-dards of fitness and efficiency Tax handouts considered and a recognition that there is a continuing need for the job. Mos of the postal workers chose to cominue working will receive a pension in addition for needy Manxmen receive a pension in addition to full pay.

The decision clashes deeply with the constant call from other unions for, early retisement to create more jobs for younger people and to extend the leisure time of the elderly.

Mr Stagg explained that a bigh properties of people and to the classes. From John Chartres
Douglas, Isle of Man
With an estimate With an estimated budget surplus this year of nearly £1m,

high proportion of postal workers did not enter the industry until middle age or later; retirement at 60 meant for many of them a totally inadequate pension and conse-quent hardship.

for 40 years to quelify for a-pension of about £25 a week, which is calculated at one eightieth of pay for every year In addition, he said, the anti-social hours of the job had made it difficult for the Post

to extend

working life

principles yesterday when dele

gates at their conference voted

to allow members to extend

their working lives.

As a result of the decision

Mr Norman Stage, the union's deputy general secretary, will now ratify with the Post Office an agreement that will allow-

postmen, sorting staff, telephon-ists and telegrophists to work afte rahe normal retirement age

working an extra five years as of right, and not, as at present at the discretion of the Pest

agreement will give workers the choice of

of 60 to the age of 65.

From Tim Jones Labour Reporter

Office to recruit young people. Chlorine leak at

reservoir

Thirty-one people were taken to Derbyshire Royal Infirmary yesterday suffering from the effects of chlorine, which was being delivered to the Staunton Harold reservoir, near Meibourne.

Firemen neutralized the spillage as the area was sealed. Those affected were workmen from a site near by

risking public censure at the next election. Special trains and buses were

raised from a population of only 60,000, the Isle of Man Government has given further concessions to its taxpayers and is considering "negative income tax" to benefit the lowest paid.

During the budget meeting of Tynwald, the Isle of Man parlia-Union members had to work or 40 years to qualify for a sension of about \$25 a week, which is calculated at one ightieth of pay for every year of service.

In addition, he said, the entitle of the mainland.

The budget figures gave a further opportunity for Mr. Charles Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys to argue that the island should break its last fiscal links with the Westmington. riscal links with the Westmin-ter Government by levying its own indirect taxes as well as setting its own income tax. Mr Kerruish (often mis-takenly thought of as the island's prime minister, but who does have considerable influence on a parliament totally without political affiliations)

ing recommendations that the Isle of Man should break away from the mainland's indirect tax system, possibly abolish value alloed tax and market chesper rigarettes, tobacco-and drinks. Mr Kerruish said that if the Mr Retruish said mat it the island government did not take control of its indirect tax affairs it would remain a group of "puppets dancing to the tune of Westminster politicians idiosyncrecies". an ending of the

High Court ban Doorstep buyers protected

on electronic By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent
A proposed EEC Council 'Planets' suite Miss Imogen Holst, daughter of Gustav Holst, composer of The Planets suite, was entitled to object to the sale of an elecdirective to protect the con-sumer from doerstep selling might encompass purchases from the milkman or rural mobile shops, MPs were told tronic version which she felt "mutilated" her father's work Representatives of the Office of Fair Trading, the National Mr Justice Oliver said in the High Court resterday. RCA Ltd was banned from manufacturing or selling in the Consumer Council, the Mail Order Traders' Association and the Finance Houses' Associa-tion were giving oral evidence

United Kingdom records entitled Tomica Planets. The disputed recording is by Isan Tomita, a Japanese artist, who its produced electronic realizations of several other classics.

The injunction is effective until the trial of an action by G. L. Holst Ltd, which holds rights to the works of Holst, alleging copyright infringement

too were giving oral evidence to the select committee on European legislation.

The consumer representatives welcomed provisions that contracts arising from doorstep selling should be in writing and that customers should have a seven-day "cooling-off" period during which they might cancel the contract. the contract.

Baker, and the Bollis family.

Along the way the estate oncumbered with mort-

hecame encumbered with mort-gages, which by 1848 amounted to about £20,000. One of the mortgagees, a William Whitear Bank in Winchester High Street (now the National West-

Judge outlines issues at Windscale inquiry

The gravity of the issues sur-rounding the proposal in build a new type of nuclear fine reprocessing plant at Wind-scale, Cumbria, which would

policies.
"The finding that genetic fac

The finding that genetic factors play a significant pert in determining which people have higher or lower pre-tax earnings provides no real restriction on the power to manipulate the extent of inequalities in income. Dr Ruster said.

Re Ruster said. Genetic factors (influencing IQ and personality) help to determine how far people make the most of their opportunities. Accordingly, the provision of equal opportunities for all (however destrable a goal in its own right would have a relatively minor effect in reducing overall inequalities in income in the

population as a whole.

On the other hand, inproved optortunities could
make a real difference for
individuals who suffer from

also those who live far away and those who will not be born for many years aboad."

Friends of the Earth, David Widdicombe, for

Ports feed

addiction in

Cambridge'

New cases of drug dependency 36 in every 100,000 population in the country as a whole are 23.90 in Cambridge and

3.33 in Peterborough, Dr David Muller, consultant psychiatrist and chairman of the Cambridge-shire Committee for Coordina-

tion of Drog Dependency Services, said yesterday.

Cambridge and an area of about fifteen miles around it has a population of about 200,800, and Peterborough one of 108,000. Dr Muller added

that only about a tenth of the total of drug-takers were known to official organizations.

Addicts in Cambridgeshire, he said; spent up to £70 a week on drugs, money "mainly ob-tained by theft, muggings and drug peddling".

The figures included not only the hard drugs but such drugs as cannabis and the barbiturates. But people who wanted to make cannabis legal did not know what they were doing. We

were becoming too complacent about drugs. The Department of Realth wanted to "look the other way" and appeared to be more concerned about alcohol

Reasons for the high num-ters in Cambridgeshire were

the proximity of ports, such as Harwick, Falixstowe, King's

Lynn and Lowestoft, through which there was considerable

sniuggling from Continental sup-pliers; both Cambridge and Peterborough were easily accessible from London; and

accessible from London; and Peterborough had a new town development with a proportion of immigrants settling there. One man he had seen, from the Khyber Pass, had been used to smoking opium for 36 years. Or Muller sald drug depend-ency was not much of a prob-lem among the undertechnic

lem among the undergraduates of Cambridge University. His committee kelped those people

who wanted to be helped and tried to educate the public on dangers of drug abuse.

Lady Compton's decree

Lady Compton, wife of Lord Compton, heir to Lord North-ampton, was granted a decree nist in London yesterday on the

ground that the marriage had broken down because of Lord Compron's adultery.

By Our Health Services

drug

Ele fold a meeting cannot be explain the procedures for the explain the procedures for the radioactive wastes needing safe in many ways unique, for the storage for thousands of years. issues to be investigated may life Justice Parker, said that affect not only those already if he was to consider the implinitive and residing in this improvement of the development for mediate, neighbourhood but the safety of the public it was also those who live far away plain, that they included the arangement and storage of spent

addressing a formidable assem-bly of legal expertise. The OCs present for supporters of the application included Lord SIIapprication incinded Lord Si-soe, for British Nuclear Fuels, and Mr. Iain Chidewell for Cumbris County Council. Those representing opponents of the pien include Sir Frank Layfield, for the Town and Country Plenning Association. Mr. Raymond Kidwell, for

Windscale: Appeal, and Mr George Debry, for the Attor-ncy General of the Isle of

cost E600m were made clear tish Nuclear Ruels should be resterded by Mr Justice allowed to build a plant to properly to open at Whitehaven fuel to separate uranium for on June 14.

He told a meeting called to the future use in a new sense that future use in a new sense that the procedure and the sense time to the sense time.

gransport and storage of spent fuel before reprocessing and Mr Justice Parker was any hazards involved in those addressing a formidable assem operations. The hazards by of legal expenses. The OCs whether to personal safety or present for supporters of the of an environmental nature, of application included Lord SIL the actual operation of the one for British Nuclear Fuels, proposed plant and disposal of mid Mr Iran Chidewell for waste were also within the lambers. County Council scope of the inquiry. It also the plan include Sir Frank matters as security risks, industried, for the Town and dustrial relations and so on country Planning Association, would at least to some extent would at least to some extent

Burglaries up a But they argued that comma-ventions of the proposed direc-tive should be made an offence, rathet then merely making the contract void, and called for a lower limit to the value of con-tracts covered. The directive was also crit-cized for being so widely drawn that one-day sales, demonstra-tions at the place of work, and the insurance man's collection

quarter in value last year By Our Crime Correspondent

Every two or three minutes of the day and high a home somewhere in Britain is burgled, according to the British Insurance Association.

Last year a notal of £22.4m in cash and valuables was stolen from private houses. The trend seems to be increasing. In the past five years the value of scolen goods has nebled and last year alone the figures showed an increase of a quarter on: 1975. ·

The association's figures indicate that more than £60,000 in valuables is stolen by burglars every 24 hours. Mr Patrick Bartrom, chairprevention panel, said: "It is the opportunist thief looking for easy pickings who will com-

mit nearly three quarters of these burglaries." A survey by the association shows that nearly a third of burglaties are committed by thickes who emier inrough the

"Urgent need'

A six-monthly review of pensions is urged by Miss Betty Millard, president of the National Federation of Old Age Pensions Associations. She told us annual conference at Margate yesterday: " Never has our claim for a pension of one third of the gross average wage for a single person and one-half for

urgent need for a six-monthly

By-pass objectors invoke river rights Winchester, in 1869, and there meeting arises because the after navigation fell into decay Department of Transport's plan In an erudite constitutional move to prevent the building

By Philip Howard

of the M3 Winchester by-pass, objectors have summoned the first meeting for a century and a half of the Commissioners of the Itchen Navigation.

For the Government to refuse, as it has done, to give time for debate of the Bill was "tanta-

They did so by fastening a natice on the Butter Cross, Winchester, yesterday and by placing enother notice in The Hampshire Chronicle. Seven Acts still on the statute book dating back to 1665 enact the right to summon such a meeting, and declare that the commissioners must meet receive complaints about interference with the navigation within 28 days of such notice

being given. The public right to navigation on the Itchen from Southampton to Winchester is guaranteed by an 1802 Act, doubtful But there is no doubt which has never been repealed, that the right to summon a In practice the last barge

as a commercial proposition. But it subsists as a statutory The underemployed but un-

repezied Commissioners of the Irchen Navigation last met in 1830, but they are still on the statute ocok going back to Acts 16 and 17 of Charles II with the general duty of overseeing the management of the navigation and of fixing the rates of curriage. The Acts enact that the commissioners should include the

mayors of Winchester and Southampton, the justices of the peace of Hampshire, the and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral and the Warden end fellows of Winchester College. Whether those worthirs will in fact meet is meeting survives.

for the M3 Winchester by-pass proposes to realign part of the canalized section of the Itchen. The objectors maintain that the proposal is not just a diversion but a stopping of navigation, in which case it is illegal by numerous Acis.

In November the Department of Transport published a draft order under section 10 of the Highways Act to enable the Secretary of State to divert a navigable watercourse, that is the Itchen. That would mean

could be used to overturn a series of public Acts of Parliament. The revival of the ancient Commissioners of the Itchen Navigation is by no means the end of the tangled story. The ownership of the navigation is por vested in the commissigners. At the end of the tween the wars.

that a statutory instrument

eighteenth century the share in the navigation estate. Which amounted to a right to charge tolls, belonged to one Edward Prott. They then passed to a George Hollis and a Harry Baker, and thence down in the

Bulpett, owner of Bulpett's minster Bank) became man-After an acrimonious lawsuit

brought by one of the Hollis brothers in 1862, Bulpett established himself as mortgages in possession. The Itchen Navigation became nothing but bad debts. Bulpetr died a bachelor in 1899, and passed his interest to a nephew, who died a bachelor in Nairobi be-

Man drove away with stolen aircraft parts From Our Correspondent Bristol A man drove into the Rolls

legislation.

the insurance man's collection round might be affected.

MPs were urged to find ways of concentrating attention on foot-in-the-door salesmen, with-our opening loopholes that might be used to avoid the

gistation. Mr Maurice Healy, for the mines! Consumer Council

National Consumer Council, said ir would be against consumers' interests if mail orders were included in the directive.

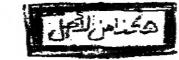
way near Bristol unchallenged, picked up four aircraft engine components that were lying on the ground and drove out, it was stated at Thornbury Magis trates' Court Avon, yesterday. Ther were later sold for scrap for £14. Glyn Albert Pritchard, aged 20, a labourer, of Harescombe. Yare, near Bristol, admitted stealing the parts. He was fined £50 and given a three-month prison sentence suspended for a

Royce engine division at Patch-

In a statement to the police Mr. Pritchard said: "I drove up and drove straight in and did not get checked, and drove around there looking for something to take. I saw these four metal things on a pallet-type

for six-month pension review

a married couple been more clearly justified. "There is also the added



rug Poll shows Tameside Pupils 'lack diction parents want grammar of industrial world'

Ashton under-Lyne

In the first referending of its mid in Britain a large majority
of parents at Tameside, Greater
Manchester, have said they wish
the manner school education to be etained as opposed to a fully comprehensive system. At a press conference yester-

ley Councillor Donald Thorpe eferendent of parents com-letely justified the council's egal buttle of lest summer which concluded with the local urbority's retaining its five

He said the survey, a non-ditical one conducted by ameside education officers ameside education officers, bowed that parents had voted we to one in Favour of retaining some form of gammar chool education. A total of 0.875 parents had voted in wour representing more than alf of those circulated.

Teachers had also been asked or their views, and of 66.9 per eart who replied to the questionnaire 56 per cent had micated that they wanted to see a mmar schools retained.

Mr. Thorpe said he believed he figures were most gratify.

ie figures were most gratifyig. He was especially pleased in the result of the teachers' ponents had been soying were before the proposals were favour of the proposed com-ready.

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in 1976 to implement arrange ments previously made to allo-cate pupils to secondary schools on a non-selective bonus. Tameside's case was taken to the High Court and from there to the House of Lords, where the appeals committee found in Tameside's favour.

Mr Thorpe told a press con-ference at Dukinfield Town Half that the Government owed Tameside about £16,000 in costs from last year's legal proceed-ings, when costs were awarded against the Department of Education He added that he was not expecting another legal battle this summer.
Tameside council however

might soon be at loggerheads again with the department, as the council's new proposals for going comprehensive, which are required by law, will not be ready for May 24. That is the deadline given to Tameside and other "rebel" authorisies by Mrs Williams; Secretary of State for Education and Science. Site has told Tameside that she will not meet their request in extend the deadline.

request to extend the deadline by nine months: Mr Thorpe said that because consultations with parents in the result of the teachers and intervious schools a work re, as, last year, the councils be September at the earliest ponents had been saying that and possibly the and of the year. I per cear of teachers were before the proposals were and individual schools it would

colleagues were hoping for a general election before the ontrol of the council. general election before the After Mr Mulley, former Sec. council could be forced into any stary of State for Education fully comprehensive scheme.

Comprehensives need time o settle, minister says

y Mark Jackson, of The Times, able to understand when had ducational Supplement. happened because of those re-The deficiencies of school-organizations.

avers should not be attributed. Like industry, the teaching the comprehensive system, irs Williams, Secretary of State

troughout the United States nd Western Europe.
Part of the trouble was that thools had needed time to the down from the effects of

ig of the leaving age. Those i industry who knew how long racy, she said that progress took a company to recover was bound to be made towards on the effects of one small such participation, whatever smatten or merger should be government was in power.

profession felt it was being rushed about and expected to r Education and Science, said do all sorts of things.

sterday.

Mrs Williams said there were
She told a conference in Lon- indications that literacy was beon of the Industrial Society ginning to improve after a rat she had had the same kind decline in the 1960s and early f complaints from employers 1970s. She suspected that part Germany, which had a very of the reason for that decline ind that Britain used to have a strict adherence to grammar here were similar complaints and spelling which ranged from the strict of the reason for the decline and spelling which ranged from and spelling which ranged from the strict of the reason for the second spelling which ranged from the second spelling the second spelling which ranged from the second spelling which ranged from the second spelling the second spelling which second spelling the second advertising to the BBC news bulletins. We have all of us

Urging schools and industry change and from the rais to devote attention to preparing of the leaving age. Those workers for industrial democ-

world'

From Tim Devlin Education Correspondent Gloucester

Schoolchildren are so biased against industry by what they read and see in the media and so ignorant about it that it is impossible to talk to them. Mr David Logan, education officer of the TUC, said resterday.

Mr Logan, who has visited sthools regularly during the last four years, told the Boarding Schools Association's conference at Gloucester: "I am incapable of talking to them because they have not the basic elements of the language of work and

He said schoolchildren had a biased idea from the media that trade unionists were holding the trade unionists were holding the country to ransom and it was impossible to talk them out of it. They had no understanding of basic economics.

"I cannot explain to them that Ford workers' pay is in part determined by the fact that people choose to spend more money on more care than on

money on more cars than on food", he said.

Teachers should concentrate on the political and economic knowledge of industry, he said, and teach statistics, which was the most useful form of mathe-

He also criticized university and polytechnic assistances for not admirring more adult students to: lence and technical courses and referred to the Prime Minister's speech on education last October, which reported that there were 30,000 places to British working men and women, universities and polytechnics will allow these

places to go empty or will sell them to foreign students, some

them to foreign students, some of whom are our compeniors", Mr Logan said.

He concluded that Britain spent only £42m a year on adult education, which was about as much as was spent on Oxbridge to keep it in the style to which it was accustomed.

Mr R. A. Shepherd, training manager for Ford Motor Company, said Britain had lost the greatest opportunity since the war with the raising of the school-leasing age to bridge school-learing ege to bridge the gap between school and work. We had had the chance to free education from the hands of ecademics and put it into the hands of vocational

into the hands of vocational educationists.

Teachers in training should do a spell on the shop floor before reaching. It was the only way for them to get a knowledge of industry. Add industrial training to teaching practice in our training programmes and extend it from three to four years. Mr Logen urged. something to answer for here she said.



Thames occasion: Barges with flags at their mastheads sailing under Tower Bridge yesterday after the Lord Mayor sailing under Tower Bridge yesterday after the Lord Mayor tionship with another young of London, Sir Robin Gillett, had raised HMS Belfast's man. They planned to get jubilee flag to herald the Queen's silver jubilee celebrations. I married but had difficulties

Schools urged to Poultry producers attack EEC egg grading plan of delivery dates'

By Robert Doe, of The Times Educational Supplement Schools should encourage competition, discipline, biblical morality and the morality of dates", Mr Thomas Howarth, senior tutor at Magda-Mr T. J. Aley, secretary of the British Poultry Federation, said: "There are so many Eurocrats churning out stuff lene College, Cambridge, said

yesterday. He was addressing audience invited to the House of Commons by Mr Norman St. John-Stevas.

"Appropriate parts" of the
Bible should be made central to the curriculum.

The classroom "should be a place where results are expected against a certain time schedule". Children should learn "that your second best is not good enough".

foster 'morality

plan to replace the present five British egg grades with seven metric sizes. Sizes do not corre-British poultry producers called yesterday for postponement of EEC rules that would cost more than £35m to adopt. spond exactly to any of the grades, of which large, medium and standard are the best

The metric sizes will be idenrified at first by colours to reduce confusion among grocers, and shoppers. Mr Wright said the industry would have to comply with new EEC rules on the complete in complete the complete of the complete the complete of the complete in colours in the complete the complete the complete of the colours in the c that we want them to have a close season, so to speak." Mr Leonard Wright, the chairman, complained of "a deluge of legislation which is hygiene in slaughterhouses. methods of cooling dead birds, and on the amount of water allowed in frozen broiler

constantly descending on the poultry industry". chickens.
The federation decided to He said at the annual meet.

The federation decided to ing of the federation that egg appeal to the Government to farmers and packers had press for a delay in the imposition of the new rules.

Homeless couple made suicide pact

couple were driven to a suicide - as a result she tried to comm pact because they could not find a home they could afford, a judge was told yesterday. The husband, Nicholas Sperring, who was 18, died.

His wife, Linda, aged 24, survived to appear at the Central Court vesterday. Criminal accused of aiding and abetting the suicide of her husband between January 10 and 13 this vear. She pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for two

Mr Justice Talbot told her: "It is clear there was this background of unhappiness but you must know it is never right to solve your problems that way. "My dury on behalf of the

prison but to put you on the road to a decent way of life." Mr Jeremy Connor, for the prosecution, said the couple, took a massive overdose of drugs after they had booked into the Ariel Hotel, near Heathrose, when they were cold, penniless and had nowhere to

country is not to send you to

When found by hotel staff the husband was dead and his wife almost dying. When ambulance men arrived she had stopped breathing and it was only their prompt action that saved her. She now lives with her

parents at Eastbourne Gardens, Hanworth, west London. Mr Connor said the case involved the tragic events representing the close relation-ship between a young man of 18 and his wife of 24, which came to an end in a suicide

pact".
The couple were married in November last year. They met after she had finished a rela-

Mrs Sperring was working for a record company when she first mer her husband, who came into the office to repair the central heating. They got

married soon afterwards. Mr Connor said there were many discussions about whether they could get a mortgage or a to the home of the wife's parents but Mr Sperring could not get work in the area.

When they moved into a flat they were unable to pay the heating bills. "At Christmas they discussed the possibility of commuting suicide, the reason being that they did not want to be parted ", Mr Connor

on January 7 they went to public house, where they obtained a large amount of barbiturates. They then booked themselves in at the hotel when found at the notes Mrs.

Sperring had a pen in her hand
and had written: "Dear
Mummy and Daddy, we decided
this way is the only way out.

Now we can be together.

"Someone has to so first

"Someone has to go first.
Don't blame yourselves, it was our decision. I love you all, I writing this because Nicholas not capable."

In the note she said her hus-band put up the money to pay for the drugs.

Mr Frederick Joseph, for the defence, said: "They were happy between themselves but

they were desperately unhappy about financial matters and housing.'

They had made various They had made various attempts to find somewhere of

their own. They went to housing agents and had put their names on the council list. They certainly could nor afford private accommodation. It is a very tragic and sad story."

New road will circumvent Exeter by-pass

Holiday motorists will enjoy much fasted travel to and from the West Country when a new 31 mile stretch of motorway around Exeter is opened by Mr Callaghan next Friday. The old Exeter by pass to which the new road is an alternative, has been one of Britain's worst bottlenecks. Even last yead, with substantial lengths of motorway open to the north there were delays of up to three hours ground Taunton and Exeter during July and

August.
The new by-pass, which cost £15m, makes possible for the fire time a clear dun by motorway from London in the east and Carlisle in the north to

Living costs of poor 'have risen fastest'

By Our Social Policy

Correspondent The cost of living of the poorest households has risen by almost 5 per cent more than that of the richest ones the beginning of the social conin evidence presented yesterday to the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and

Wealth. That is because the prices of necessities on which the poor spend a larger proportion of heir budgets, have been rising faster than those of good; that feature prominently in the spending of the better-off, the

unit says. Last year, for example, food costs increased by 23.5 per cent, compared with a general inflation rate of 16.6 per cent. Butter, margarine and lard Butter, margarine and lard increased by 40 per cent. regetables by 37 per cent. rea and coffee by 36 per cent and fish and dairy products by a quarter. But the cost of motoring increased by only 13 per cent, and that of household consumer

goods by 11.5 per cent.
The unit presents a special cost-of-living index calculated on cost-of-living index calculated on the basis of the different spending patterns of high and low income groups. It shows that prices rose by 77.8 per cent for the low-paid (the poorest tenth of households) in the three years since the social contract began.

The index for the higher-paid registered an increase of 73.2 per cent. The difference of 4.6 per cent, the unit notes, is almost equivalent to the limit on wage rises specified for the second stage of the pay policy.

Over the past year, price rises for the low-paid were 17.3 ner cent, compared with 16.6 per cent for the high-paid.

The unit argues that its indices still understate differences between the changes in Fring costs of the low-paid and high-paid, and says the gan will increase with the expected food

and fuel price increases in the coming months.

It has appealed to the Gove ernment to publish a special cost-of-living index for the low-

paid. Mr Frank Field, the unit's director, believes that a national ninimum wage should be estab-

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Shoplifter had £3.546

Mrs Rosa Gleizer, aged 40, a Brazilian on holiday in London, was carrying £3,546 in mixed currencies when she stole goods valued at £6.96 from a Morks and Spencer store, it was stated at Mariborough Street Magistrates' Court vesterday. strates' Court vesterday. She was fined the maximum of £400,

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Unions and judiciary: Mr Foot was speaking of past: PM thinks he did not go far enough

Office workers conference Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council, was not referring to na. He was answering a question by Ar Robin Hodgson (Walsali, North, C) who said: Can he explain the logic of the position by which one set of reople—the judiciary one set of peoples—me judicitary— are criticized for carrying out their duties and another set—the Post Office workers—are to be legally exempted from the conse-quences of failing to carry out their duties? (Conservative

Mr Callaghan—I am not aware of any criticism of the judges. (Conservative cries of "Oh"). What I understand is that there was an historical exegests which Mr Foot entered into when addressing a trade union conference. (Laughter.)
Frankly. I do not think he went what he should have said was something like this: That trade unionists "are enmeshed, barassed, worried, and checked at every step and turn by all kinds of legal decisions". If only he had used Sir Winston Churchill's lan-

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, Con.)—I do not know which reports the Prime Minister has read. Is he not aware that, accord-ing to some, which purported to be verbatim the Lord President's

country had been left to the fair-mindedness of judges we would have precious little freedom in this country. (Labour cheers.) This is meant to be a paraphrase of The Guardian report. I believe it It should be wholly repudiated.
It was a totally dispraceful remark
to have made. (Conservative

Mr Callaghan—I am satisfied, as one who has been a trade unionist all his life, that what he was referin the past to the trade union movement.

If Mrs Thatcher is not aware, I will remind her of the history of this matter in which after the repeal of the Combination laws men were sentenced and transported to Australia, and in which in the middle of the last century there was a judgment by the courts which pretty well left it to any trade union official to abscord with the funds.

with the funds.

There was the Taff Vale railway case of 19 1, and the Osborne judgment. -s Thatcher and the Conservati Party had better understand that the trade union movement knows where it stands on these marters. (Labour cheers.) Mrs Thatcher-The Prime Minishirs Thatcher—The Prime Minaster's remarks will satisfy very few people, in view of the other comments made by the Lord President in the past in this House about her Majesty's judges.

May I ask if he and each and every member of his Government is that it has been Parliament which has had to be brought in on every occasion to deal with the interpretations of the law that the judges have given.

with the funds.

Mr Callaghan—The judges

for canagnan—ine judges of today were not referred to by Mr Foot in his remarks, and any attempt to try to suggest that is totally false. Anybody who knows the history of the trade union

As to the position today, Mr Foot cast no reflection on the by the Lord Chancellor in the House of Lords yesterday. I make it clear again today. This is another red herring. (Labour shouts of "Blue herring."). I say to Labour MPs: this is what we are (Labour cheers.)

Mr Enoch Powell (Down, South, UUUC)—One of the most fruitful and important aspects of the sovereignty of this House is its right to alter the existing law as established by the decisions of the courts at any time. This is one of the reasons why a Bill of Rights is incompatible with the free constitution of this country. (Labour cheers.)

Mr Rouald Thomas (Bristol, North-West, Lab)—Two of the major factors in inflation in Britain are membership of the Common Market and the devaluation of steeling. Will he issue an ultimatum to the Community that unless they scrap the CAP Britain will get out?

Will be comment on the Bank of Will he comment on the Bank of England's handling of stering because it is responsible for the

Mr Callaghan sees little reason to doubt forecast of fall in rate of inflation this year

Minister had said: "We are now winning the battle against inflaanswer. I do not believe that issu-ing an ultimatum in that sense would serve a useful purpose.

Mr Michael Leiham (Meiton, C)— Mr Partie made a fair point as the performance by the Chancellor and other ministers on this has been a long series of terminological inex-actitudes.

Mr Callaghan—In fact, inflation is declining and will continue to decline, since the persod of the pay policy. I assume the Opposition agree these figures, whatever they think about the future. nink about the ruture.

I and others have explained this on a number of occasions and that is why I wonder whether people listen. Since the autumn we have been in a period of temporary If forecasts are borne out-and

Government show a turndown in the rate of inflation which will continue in the second half of this year and in the first quarter of next. I accept the forecast because I think it is genuinely based and I invite Mr Patrie to believe it, too. about the future of the pay policy, because the future of all the country is bound up in this.

The Government have taken hard and tough decisions sud that has resulted in considerable loss of resulted: In Considerable loss of popularity which we have to with-stand, but I see no reason why the Conservatives should not admit that those policies are necessary for the country to combat hyper-inflation.

Mr Callaghan—It is worth noting that last Friday there was pub-lished news of record trade figures although it did not receive much space in some portions of the press. The House will welcome a surplus of fillm on the current

plus and a small deficit in previous two mounts. The quarter, therefore, this country has been running a surplus on its balance of psyments. This is associated with considerable strength of sterling and follows a fall in interest rates which was followed by a reduction in mortgage interest rates. Let us acknowledge some of the things that are going right. (Labour cheers)

Sir David Renton (Huntingdon-shire, C)—In each of the last three years the Prime Minister of the day, the Chancellor of the Exday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, or both, have given the
House and country an indication
that inflation would fall. It did not
fall in any of those three years,
and why should the Prime Minister's statement today be accepted
any more readily than the statements made previously?

again. I am not sure whether it will be. If he does not wish to believe the forecasts that is his night, but let us wait and see what happens Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L)—Does he accept that even for those of us who hope the rate of inflation is falling, forecasts of the rate of inflation are a chancy business? The fall is by no means as certain as the Prime Minister has indicated.

Is he saving that unless the Government are successful in obtaining a severe and stringent pay policy, his forecasts will be anticipated and it followed a sur-

pay poncy:
Mr Callaghan—I would put it the other way round and say that a further round of pay policy will help us to get inflation down. I would not put it the way Mr Pardoe does—that it we do not get it everyming has raised.

It is the impact of the current pay policy under Phase Two that will be felt during the second half of this year and the first part of 1978 because agreements are only now being entired into and these will lace upon the 1979.

If sterling maintains its strength with the policies we are following with the policies we are following, I can say with a reasonable degree of confidence that the forecasts are

Danger for a gile aircraft flying from Gibraltar -

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) attention of the Spanish Government had a drawn or modified the result imposed by them on the state of the spanish air space by British and Spanish air space by British and Spanish air space by British are space by British and Spanish air space by British are space by British and Spanish air space by British are space by British are space by British and Spanish are spanish as the spanish as the spanish are spanish as the spanish as the spanish are spanish as the spanish are spanish as the spanish as the spanish are spanish as the span Spanish air space of manages aircraft using Gibrasiar strong lard or manages aircraft using Gibrasiar strong lard or manages aircraft using the Algedras and bired zone which applies to since of all nationalities remains force. It is of particular concin-Britain since it imposes limited on the appreach to landing take-off manocurres of and Western Europe it taught be endient to point out to them in until they cease to interiers access to a loyal British on they can hardly hope for any provement in relations with access to the control of Lord Oram—On the second con-agree. That point is put to in periodically very strongly by Government. On safety, it does

Lord Boyd - Carpenter. manoeuve involving a sharp in just before landing or just take-off must erode the marging safety, in as much as if any or problems arise there is less me now purs it. There is obviously that point an additional works on the pilot in making the si

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Request for hydrogen bomb debate refused

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate to discuss the Government's development of new

He said that in *The Guardian* today there was a report headed "UK H-bomb plans go ahead". It rested that scientists at Aldermas ton were working on a miniature H-bomb and new Polaris warhead In the Daily Mail today there was another report under the headtine "Aluley confirms new H-bombs". In this report the minister refused to confirm or deny a report that the Government were trying to beat an expected ben on all nuclear tests, including those underground. .

This statement followed a report occupying the front page of the Daily Mail yesterday headed "Secret H-bomb race, Britain acts to beat ban". It stated that the test on Nevada of a highly advanced H-bomb prototype was planned and had been advanced several months and was expected soon. Presumably this test was to be kept secret and made without any evious appouncement to

There was unfortunately reason believe that the British Government were planning a forther test at Nevada, because when the former Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Roy Mason) was

The matter was urgent Negotia-tions between President Carter and hir Brezhnev to stop all nuclear test explosions were under way. Their prospects might well be damaged by such a test. It under-mined and conflicted with Presi-dent Carter's declared aims. It was vital that detente extended. Development of nuclear weapons increased international tension and undermined the nonproliferation beary. A practical step towards stopping the nuclear arms race was to stop to s

arms race was to stop testing. This (he said) is important to every country but particularly to Britain, a small thicky populated territory. We are a sitting duck and could not use this suicide weapon because we would be wiped out in instant retaliation.

Prejudice stops girls becoming engineers

There was prejudice in industry There was prejudice in industry and the schools against the adoption by girls of engineering as a profession. Mr Gordon Oakes, Minister of State for Education and Science, said during question time exchanges about steps being taken to encourage the study of engineering at school and in further education institutions.

Air Oakes (Widnes, Lab) said that the Secretary of State (Mrs Shirley Williams) was altering the awards arrangements and examining the possibility of a scholarships scheme with the aim of attracting more able students into engineer-ing and other courses of value to

The University Grants Commit-tee, the Council for National Aca-demic Awards and the Technician Education Council were reviewing the structure and content of engineering courses with the needs of students and industry in mind. In the schools, the Secretary of State attached greater importance to improving the teaching of math-ematics and physics than to the development of engineering as a separate subject.

Mr Keith Hampson (Ripon, C)— For several months I and Labour MPs have been trying to get the Secretary of Suite and ministers of the Department of Industry to release for MPs a most effective document the best analysis of this document, the best analysis of this problem and the result of a joint working party between depart-ments of education, industry and Why, given the great debate, is it that only MPs seem to be

excluded from seeing this documany other people have access to Would he at least release the statistical appendices so that we can see the terms of reference and the hard information before we can debate effectively what he is doing?

Mr Oakes-The document is to be published. I welcome the initiative Mr Hampson has taken. It is not a party political matter. It is some-thing the nation needs. thing the nation needs.

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South, Lab)—In areas of inner city deprivation like Brent South where we have excellent schools of engineering, in recent years a big gap has been created between apprenticeship schemes in local engineering firms and the graduates that emerge from the colleges.

Will he have discussions with coming Green Paper on education.

in engineering factories? to see that that gap is narrowed. Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C)—In view of the importance of encouraging better attitudes and experience of engineering among students in higher education, is he satisfied that the priority given by the Science Research Council to

sponsoring engineering exercise and research projects in univerother scientific projects? Mr Oakes—Yes. I am satisfied. We are always looking at ways in which the links between universities, polytechnics, schools and industry over engineering can be strengthured.

Mr Jeremy Bray (Motherwell and Wishaw, Lab)—The greatest scope for increasing both the numbers and quality of recruitment to the encineering profession is with girls. There is a great deal of prejudice in industry and schools against the adoption of engineering Mr Oakes—There is a prejudice. It worries me, One of the difficulties is that girls do not realize the possibilities that may well be open to them in the engineering profes-sions in the future. That is some-

thing on which there should be cooperation between industry and education. Mr Nicholas Winterton (Maccles-field, C)—The Engineering Employers' Federation are greatly concerned about the lack of knowledge and interest in secondary schools about engineering and

Commerce.
While they themselves recognize While they themselves recognize they could have done more to bridge this gap and improve knowledge, would be say it would be a good thing if teachers could get out into industry as part of their courses before they qualify so that they do not go straight from school ro college and college to school?

An overall limit sought on election expenses

As inflation by the Chancellor's method (Mr Partie continued) was

8.4 per cent in December 1974 and

after two and a half years the Government have brought the rate

up to 19.9 per cent, why should anyone believe that?

anyone believe that?

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—I do not know whether that question is worth answering. (Conservative protests.) Any question which ends "Why should anyone believe it" is hardly worth answering

hardly worth answering

because apparently no one will believe it. The forecasts and policies of the

1918 and it should be increased from its present figure of £150, Mr Bruce Grocott (Lichfield and Tam-worth, Lab) said when he successfully sought leave to introduce his General Elections (Limitation of Expenses) Bill.

He said the purpose of the Bill was to limit expenditure by political parties and other organizations connected with general elections; to provide publication of income and expenditure of such organizations income and expenditure of such organizations income incurred in connexion with

the deposit.

By increasing the deposit, certain kinds of candidates might be penalized, but at the same time £150 was good value as a deposit and gave a lot of benefits. There was television and radio coverage, free postage, and free copies of the electoral register, which many commercial organizations would be crateful to have. crateful to have. While local expenditure in con-

stituencies was controlled, there was no control over the amount of money that parties and their sup-porting organizations could spend porting organization could a far arisonal level.

The amount of money a party could seand rationally should be about half the total amount that they would be able to spend in they would be able to spend in their constituency campaigns. This would involve about 5500,000 which was roughly what was spent

by the two main porties at the last election. This would avoid the sort of obscene expenditure involved in an American presidential election.

The Bill would provide for proper publication and audit of party construencies. Expenditure by fringe organizations supporting political parties would be included in the parties' account and subject to a maximum figure of £500,000.

Commemorative plaque

Mr Geoffrey Finsberg (Camden, Hampstead, C) asked the Secretary of State for the Environment to arrange for a plaque to be set in the floor of Westminster Hall recording the visit of her Majesty on the occasion of receiving Loyal Mr Peter Shore said in a written reply: I am arranging to do so in consultation with the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Speakers of both Houses.

Direct labour building powers restored to 25 district councils

Moving the second reading of the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill, Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister of State for Housing and Construction (Brent, East, Lab) said it restored to 25 district councils in England and Wales power to do certain kinds of work by direct labour.

When the Local Government Act, 1972, was passed these authorities were, quite by accident, prevented from doing work within their boundaries on functions which were transferred to county authorities, mainly highways and education.

Statutory instruments were made femporarily restoring the works powers of those authorities. These expired in March 31 so none of the

25 authorities could commune to carry our work for which agree-ments were signed before that The substantive clauses of the Bill simply made permanent the powers in the temporary orders as it would not make sense to disrupt the arrangements. It was a sensible measure which if not enacted speedily could lead to redun-dancies in direct labour organiza-

tions and impair their efficiency.

While this Bill is essential (he While this Bill is essential (he said) it is far from being a compresensive measure of the kind needed to produce a proper framework within which direct labour organizations should operate. The Government intended to introduce such a measure but the parliamentary situation prevented us from doing so. It gave rise to the Prime Minister's statement on March 23 in which he undertook that the Bill will be confined to the provisions will be confined to the provisions that are required to protect the existing activities of the DLOs in the light of local government re-organization.

The attitude of some Opposition

MPs could hardly be said to be reasonable and sensible. They and some local authorides seemed to nai Bill to compel local authorides some local sumornes seemed to have only one arrived, to close down DLOs. They proposed the destruction of established organi-zations and sacking of the staff. If they claimed their DLOs are inefficient (he said) it is their job

inefficient (he said) it is their job to make them efficient.

The Government would, through the department's working party. continue to work on sound procedures for DLOs, some of which had started to adopt good accounting and tendering practices. The working party had concentrated on procedure for new construction, for publication of reports on performance and competitive tendering and he hoped that part of the workwould be completed by the summer.

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Around the turn of the year (he said) we expect to complete similar work on repairs and maintenance which the Chartered Instinenance which the Chartered Insti-tute of Public Finance Accountants have also been studying. They hope to publish their findings in the summer.

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Action would be limited without legislation but the Government would take whatever action was open to them to improve the scope and efficiency of the DLOs. They accounted for about 3 per cent of construction output, mainly repairs and maintenance, employing 173,000 prople.

Direct labour organizations had a creditable record. It fill became certain people in the construction a creditable record. It ill became certain people in the construction industry to criticize DLOs for inefficiency in the way that rather wild campaigning had indicated in recent months. They might do better to concentrate on putting their own house in order instead of wasting vast sums of money on expensive advertising campaigns against DLOs.

Mr Keith Speed, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Ashford, C) said Conservative

najority, would ensure that their DLOs were efficient. This Bill did finally establish in a Bill the extension of construction powers for local authorities outside their own areas. For these reasons, the Opposition were unhappy about it. All parties agreed that the research accounting principles and

All parties agreed that the present accounting principles and procedures were wrong, and he did not see why these matters could not have been brought in at this stage in this Bill. The House was not overburdened with legislation. There were many horror stories about direct labour. There might be success stories, but until there was a proper accountancy how good or bad the organizatiops were would not be known. The minister had forgone a good opportunity of bringing in the accountancy procedure.

dure.

Had he done so the Government would have gone some little way to restoring the vast amount of credit they had lost with the industry. In its present form the Bill was unwanted, unnecessary and unhelptil and the House should reject it. Mr Robert Mellish (Southwark, Bermondsey, Lab) said there was a danger in any local authority was a danger in any local authority starting from scratch and trying to implement a direct labour force, because no direct labour force could be efficient unless it had full use of the machinery essential for any good building work, like cranes and center mixers.

Unless they were already available, the capital expenditure involved was enormous. He was, therefore, not one who would bitthely say that everyone should

therefore, not one wan would be encouraged to go for direct labour with private contractors willing and able to do the job. Some local authorities, however, had the machinery and had not been allowed to develop direct labour.

to have direct labour, but where he value could be proven and justified by secondance methods, it should be encouraged. Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) said it would not have been right to bring in a Bill varily to extend direct labour activities at a time of right uponity. He would honour the agreement which has liberals had win the Government and support the Bill on second reading.

mr Sunley Crowiner (Rotherham, lab) said the lump still lived in private enterprise building. When it came to fair compelition the dice was loaded against the local authorities rather than in favour of them.

Mr David Mitchell (Basingstoke, C) said it was a Bill designed to continue permanently something that was introduced originally on a five-year experimental basis. There were endless examples of unsatisfactory situations with direct labour organizations.

He saw direct labour linking with that other attack on the building industry, the licences to work for the small builders under the 714 certificate procedure. Enor-

ing industry, the licences to work for the small builders under the 714 certificate procedure. Bnormous damage was being done to thousands of small businesses up and down the country. Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said there could be efficient direct works departments and there could be inefficient direct works departments. There could be efficient private enterprise companies and there could be inefficient private enterprise companies. pames and mere could be ineffi-cient private enterprise companies. He had been chairman of a works department in Liverpool. He was responsible for its creation. When he was chairman they made money; when he came to the House of Commons for some unknown reason they started to lose money.

Direct labour departments had to be organized in an efficient way. They needed the right type of management, the right type of supervisors, and also needed their buyers separate from the local treasury. They had to be competitive. As far as was humanly possible, direct works departments had to be run on a competitive basis.

Mr Albert Costain (Folkestone and Hydre, C) said he had built up two building firms and he was in favour of direct labour, in certain favour of direct isoons, in certain circumstances. For a small maintenances contract, the machinery and paraphernalia necessary to send out a competitive tender to fit a new tap washer was quite stupid. Direct isoon could do such work

worked for another authority it became the same as an outside contractor and they should be given better instructions of what to —a specification, drawings and

because it made DLOs a permanent fixture and gave them an appor-tunity to go into competition with ordinary private enterprise.

Mr Thomas Urwin (Houghton-le-Spring, Lab) said that as the Conservatives supported free enterprise, he could not under-stand why they were so fearful of competition from direct labour. Private enterprise had alwamally failed on occasions to measure up to its responsibilities.

Mr Michael Lathem (Melton, C) said the deliberations of the working party on direct labour had not yet been made public. It was unfortunate that the Bill had been brought forward before the minister's deliberations had been completed, especially when it would have been possible simply to have laid another order.

Mr Nicholas Bidles (Cirencester

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Circucester and Tewkesbury, C) said they must have sure ways of measuring the efficiency of direct labour and un-equivocal ways of removing from the scene those who were not effi-

Mr Michael Morris (Northampton, South, C), for the Opposition, said the industry was facing a severa slump. All that this Bill did was to ensure that there would be more unemployment in the private sector and more bankruptries. The Bill was an abuse of legislation. It was not a well thought out Bill; it was out of date; it was a holding operation.

operation.

Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Under Secretary, Environment (Durham, North-West, Lath) said they had once again heard the whole range of doctrinaire arguments from those who were opposed to any form of public enterprise in the construction industry. The Conservative Party had aided and abetted the campaign by the builders' organization.

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organization.

He could talk until midnight giving examples of private sector failure. When the construction industry was facing the most serious dustry was facing the most serious recession since the war continued-emphasis on failures to both sectors gave a dissorted picture of what was happening up and down the country and caused irreparable harm to the standing of this vital industry. There were plenty of examples of competent management and hard working, skilled craftsmen with pride in their job. It would be illogical to attempt to introduce a comprehensive new financial system applying to all financial system applying to all local authorities in the context of a Bill to remove an anomaly which affected only 25 of them. The Bill was read a second time by 186 votes to 161—Government majority, 25.

Two defeats for Government on Patents Bill

On the motion that the Patents Rip be read the third time, Lord Lings of Keigerran (L), on Schedule I (Application of the 1949 Act), moved amendments to broaden the scope of the Bill to cover patent granted up to 14 years \$20 misters of 11 years 20, as had been proposed in the Bill, and to delegation the Bill the provision the patents after 16 years be treated at endorsed under section 35 of the 1949 Act (Licences of right). The Lord Chancellor, Lord Elwis

right.
The first amendment was carried by 87 votes to 51—majority against the Government, 36, and the second amendment was carried by 62 majority against votes to 45-majority against he Government, 35. The Bill was read the third time and passed. The Redundancy Reputes Bill

Free meals for teachers on school duty

House of Commons The Government would offer in dance to local education anged ites on school meals economic probably towards the end of the summer. Miss Margaret Jacken, Under Secretary for Education and Science, and Science, said.
Mr Timothy Rathbone (Lessa, Cl. lad asked what steps were wife, considered to reduce the 23m ors. of subsidizing reacher meals. III.

schools.

Miss Jackson (Lincoln, Lab)
Teachers exercising supervised
during the midday break performs
valuable service and it would be
wrong to consider in isolation
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Mr Rathbone—I welcome the group pert of guidance to save immoneded for other parts of the sale cational system but can she grow this a bit of a heave because entry week ther goes by means more admore money wasted down the particular guilet. (Laughter Miss: Indicent.) Miss Jackson Some contest the need for a school meals service vel I do not agree. If teachers the performing duties they have right under the 1968 agreement. The receive a meal.

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Mr Norman St John-Stevas, cité.
Opposition spokesman on education (Chelmsford, C) said that although these meals were technically free for teachers, teachers gor them in return for supervising the children's breaks. If the withdrew their services, there would be extra heavy expense or the school meals service would have to be abandoned.

Relaxation of office control in South-East: new tasks for Location of Offices Bureau

Office developments in which no more than 200 to 300 people are employed are to be exempted from Office Development Permit control, Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced in introducing the Control of Office Development. He should shortly lay before Par-liament an order increasing the exemption limit for ODPs from 15,000 to 30,000 square feet. This would lift control from some 55 per cent of the number of appli-cations the department were cur-rently receiving. rently receiving.

He said the Bill's main purpose

was to provide for the continuation of the office development control of the office development control
powers for a further period of five
years from August 5, 1977.

Now the time had come for further renewal of the powers he had
to consider changed circumstances
and the contemporary policy
objectives that office control
control Should serve.
Congestion was no longer a
major problem in central London.

There were still not enough places of office employment outside the south-east of England. The Government were determined to do all they could to help the country's declining inner city areas, including those of London. The relocation of offices could help although the extent of help would vary from city to city.

The sort of benefits to be expected from the relocation of offices to needy areas were, in the short term, new jobs for people living in the area and in the longer term a widening of the economic and social make up of these areas by providing a greater range of

mployment opportunities. He wanted to avoid unnecessary bureaucracy and to confine control to the larger and more mobile office developments. He had decided to confine the operation of impertance and to exempt developments in which no more than two to 300 people were employed. Accordingly he had made, and would shortly lay before Parlia-ment, an order increasing the exemption limit for ODPs from 15,000 to 30,000 square feet. This would lift control from some 55 per cept of the number of appli-

cations his department were currently receiving.

Not only (he said) will this confine control to the size of development which is of most importance

location and office moves. It had time had come to scrap the ODP system altogether or at least let it local authorities who wished to death. They could not support the employment. Not only (he said) will this con-fine control to the size of develop-ment which is of most importance and most likely to be mobile, but it will help the construction industry by allowing a number of small to medium projects to go chead.

I am sure this will be welcomed by the construction industry whose problems we are, and should be, acutely aware of.

It would also help the property market. When the economy picked up again it would be reasonable to expect an uphurn in demand for new and better offices. This situaby allowing a number of small to

expect an upturn in demand for new and better offices. This situa-tion would require continuous monitoring if they were to get the policy right. In view of the time involved between seeking an ODP and completion of the building they must try to avoid the danger of the supply of new offices lag-ging behind demand with the con-sequent inflationary effect upon rates.

sequent inflationary effect upon rates.

In addition, therefore, he intended to give permits for a limited number of speculative office buildings in inner London.

In selecting schemes for approval he would be looking for those which made a strong contribution to the regeneration of the inner urban areas which required inproved job opportunities and physical renewal.

ims project win oring about a substantial improvement to an important inner city area and provide aport from the offices, new shops, a car park, sports centre and public square.

Apart from measured relaxations to assist inner London, the control would continue as at present.

ical renewal.

I have (he said) today granted an ODP for the development of 180,000 square feet of office space which forms part of the redevelopment of the approach to Ckapham Junction Station in Wandsworth. This project will bring about a substantial improvement. to assist inner London, the control would continue as at present, namely that ODPs would only be available to provide offices for firms which could demonstrate they had a tie with the area.

In a statement just before Easter about inner city policy he had said he had in mind a change in the direction of the Location of Offices Bureau's activities.

Its advisory service had provided London's management with information on all aspects of office

Ent up to now the emphasis of the burean's work had been on decentralization from London. According to its terms of reference it was "the decentralization and diversion of office employment from congested areas in central own areas and problems. from congested areas in central London to suitable centres else-where ".

This remit (he said) clearly This remit (he said) clearly needs revision. In particular 1 propose to give it two new tasks: attracting international concerns so that they locate office employment in Great Britain, including London; and giving particular attention to the promotion of office employment in inner urban great, including London as well.

This involves broadcalant attention of the promotion of th This involves broadening the this involves broadening the bureau's terms of reference to promoting the better distribution of office employment throughout the country. I shall shortly lay before the House a draft Order in Council to give effect to this change.

The Bill also provided for some minor technical amendments to

the existing legislation. Mr Hugh Rossi, an Opposition Mr Hugh Rossi, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Haringey, Hornsey, C) said the Opposition welcomed all that Mr Shore had said regarding his new policy, especially that he had had recognition for the difficulties of the construction industry, and the proposals to try to revitalize inner city areas.

In terms of creating jobs in assisted areas the ODPs had not been a signal success. The only real success had been by the Government decentralizing their offices and there was currently dispute with the unions over the 31,000 civil servants who did not wish to leave the London area. The closer the operation of ODPs was examined the greater the

wonder that the system had been allowed to remain for so long. ODPs had created more problems than they had solved. Even the relaxations would not go sufficiently far to help deal with some of the problems which had been created by past practices. The Opposition took the view that the

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Ormskirk, Lab) said they should be locating resources to those areas where they were needed, the north-west or north-east. The minister should consider building advance offices as a variant of the advance factory policy.

Mr Graham Page, for the Opposi-tion (Crosby, C) said if the Secre-tary of State wanted a central con-trol or some supervision of office development in the south-east if development in the south-east if that office development exceeded 30,000 square feet he could disband the ODP system altogether and issue a directive that he would wish to call in any planning application for that kind of planning. The advantage of that was that there would be no need for a separate department in the Department of the Environment and no need for application for these permits b dered.

Sir Guy Barnett, Under Secretary for the Environment (Greenwich, Lab) said the Government could not be accused of continuing a form of control which was highly expensive. Some kind of location of offices

policy must be continued. One rea-son for that was that there was an unfair balance of employment in different parts of the country which they should attempt to cor-The Bill was reed a second time by 155 votes to 121—Government majority, 34.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 2 for Debate on Belgrade meeting on Brisinkl Float Act. Debate on EEC documents on sulphur in oil. House of Lords
Today at 2.30: Debate on religious
education.

More teaching companies to be launched

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) asked what steps the Secretary of State for Education and Science or state for Education and Science was taking to increase the number of teaching companies.

Mrs Shirley Williams (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab)—The Science Research Council and Department of Industry have already launched five programmes and two more will be announced shortly. At least six universities and polytechnics are preparing further proposals in cooperation with interested com-penies.

wir Albert Costain (Folkestone and Hythe, C)—What is a teaching company? Is it a gimmick or does it mean something? Mrs Williams-Perhaps the closest parallel would be something like a teaching hospital. The idea is that as part of their course of study a as part of men course of study a young man or woman at a univer-sity or polytechnic will engage in work at their own level within a firm, so that they would see in practice how research is applied.

Housing action areas Mr Ernest Armstrong, Under Secretary, Environment, said in a written reply: Up to April 30, 1977, 213 housing action areas had been declared in England and Wales.

Science report

Biology: Interplanetary infection

Precautions are taken to prevent the infection of other planets with microbial life from Earth although, according to a team of American scientists, no terrestrial organism would have had a chance of surviving on those planets visited so far. Titan, one of the moons of Saturn, which is the next stop for

the American Mariner programme, may be a little more hospitable. According to Dr L. Margulis, of Boston University, who has been doing both planetary and biolo-gical calculations with colleagues gical carculations with conteagues in biological and astrophysical laboratories, there is a rare micro-organism that might be worth testing in simulated Titamic con-

The main conclusion drawn by the team from their investigations, which have involved collating evidence on minimum conditions for growth of micro-organisms and for grown of micro-organisms and the construction of probable and improbable models of planetary amospheres, is that the quarantine regulations for outgoing spacecraft are unrealistic. They are based on the hypothetical probability of survival and growth of microbes, without reference to

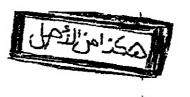
specific organisms or conditions of growth. Dr Margulis and her colleagues have tried some more concrete calculations for Urenns and Neptune, and they believe the probability of contamination by terretried organisms is mil. the probability of contamination by terrestrial organisms is mil.

There is some doubt about the exact characteristics of the atmosphere of Uranus and that of Neptune, which is similar. But what Dr Margulis and her collaborators did was to select the possibility that would give micro-organisms the best chacce of survival. ht turned out that in those cir-

ht turned out that in those circumstances the only way a microbe could grow would be to multiply very rapidly in an aerosol of they water drops, the only possible source of liquid water, in one particular layer of the planet's atmosphere. The microbe would have to multiply very rapidly indeed, because the atmosphere would be subject to stirong convection currents, which would sweep the microbe within days down into lower atmospheric layers in which both temperature and pressure would kill it immediately.

Even then, not enough sunlight

would be available entier to ride energy for the microbe of to induce the production of organic material for it to feed on; and the ammonia concentration would probably be letter been known to grow in sereols, been known to grow in sereols. the the Less is known about Than the that about Uramus and Neptune's be to it is known that Titan has a massive methane atmosphers seems unlikely that the remark tures on Titan would be the enough to sustain life; but indicate the collegues suppose that the collegues suppose suppo her colleagues suggest that it would be worthwhile simulates possible Thank amospheres her on Earth to see if they could sustain the growth of terrential organisms found in metane-rich environments. However, these organisms found in methane-inenvironments. However, those
bacteria have proved hard to great
in laboratory conditions estimated
to suit them; so it seems malked
that they could cope with more
astringent conditions. Nature-Times News Service. Source : Icarus, 30, 793 ; 1971 Nature-Times News Services



rcraft French opposition parties manage ving from opposition parties manage ibraltal despite disagreements over policy less common charles Hargrove gramme for three years if the M Robert Fabre, the Radical

rom Charles Hargrova

aris May 17 f the three French opposition erties, which took place today the headquarters of the lefting Radical Party, had been spected to be one of the roughnion of the Left since the gnature of the common pro-amme in 1972.

However, the left has once ain shown its resilience, even the face of recent tensions tween Socialists and Communs, and has belied the hopes

the Government, which ought that today's meeting ould show a disintegration of fr. wing unity.

The meeting, which lasted ur and a half hours, was lied to plan the updating of programme drafted five years o and acknowledged by all its athors to be no longer in tune the political, social and econo-

ic developments.
The discussions were clouded

the Communist Party's un-pected publication 10 days o of the estimated high cost applying the common pro-

Mitterrand, the socialist leader, on the eve of his relevision debare with M Barre, the Prime Minister. His rejection of the Communist estimates in the

Communist estimates in the course of the debate was not appreciated by M Marchais the Communist leader.

However, if there was blunt talk behind closed doors and Minterrand had said on television that he would speak as plainly to M Marchais as he did to the Prime Minister—it was not apparent from the efficiel communique issued afterwards.

M Marchais said that the meeting had been very "relaxed" and that "nobody "relaxed" and that "nobody reproached us with anything". The Communist estimates do not appear to have been discussed, and no decision was taken to give the cost of the common programme. The final communique merely speaks of "determining the timetable and method" of its application.

gramme for three years if the M Robert Fabre, the Radical left won the parliamentary electrons in March, 1978.

The publication was a continuated affect to any costing siderable embarrassment to M of the common programme A working party of five members from all three parties

was set up to complete the updating of the programme on the basis of proposals already put forward. The Communists appear satisfied merely to have scored a point over the Socialists by publishing their estimate, and to have publicly established their claim to be the most active defenders of working class

interests.

There is nothing to suggest that the Communists are no longer interested in a secondary role if the Socialists took power, or that their publication of the programme costs was an attempt to break up the Union of the Leit. But in the next few months they will ensure that their views receive the maximum publicity, whatever compromises they have to accept, in order to redress the balance of popular support in their favour at the polis.



Mr Edward Heath with Anneliese Rothenberger, the German singer, in Hamburg. He is to appear on her television show.

3erlingske Nine extend herring alks are ban in North Sea inal, From Michael Hornsby Brussels, May 17

ditor says
om Our Correspondent
feals penhagen, May 17
After three and a half months
conflict, the Berlinske
dende management and
lived in what were today inlived in what were described
final negotiations.
These it was said would The Nine have agreed to extend until June 30 she ban on the fishing of herring in the North Sea, which had been due to expire at the end of this month. Herring fishing is also to be prohibited for the first time off the west coast of Scotland, likewise until the end of lune.

Speaking at a press conference early today after a meeting of EBC ministers of agriculture, Mr John Silkin, who was in the chair, said that the measures to be taken after June would be considered at a special meeting of the Nine in Laxenbourg on June 27.

At that meeting the variations These, it was said, would her allow the 228-year-old wspaper to reappear in its esent form or lead to drastic is, among them the dismissal the entire princing staff of early 1,000.

Mr Henning Fonsmark, the iror, has admitted that the erlingske house, which proceed a quarter of the unity's pewspapers before At that meeting the ministers would also discuss the European Commission's proposals for the long-term revision of the Commanity's common fisheries policy, which have been awaiting serious examination since the end of last year. e dispute began on January , cannot hold out much nger. These talks were def-itely the last. He refuses to accept "any riher pseudo-negotiations" e says: "If there is no prosect of egreement with the inting employees we must art production again in other way. All we are asking to be able to make our five-mappagers for about the same ice as our compensions."

The only country exempt from the ban on the fishing of North Sea herring will be Holland. It will be allowed to catch some 1,500 tolines of the fish during June. Many boors of deficate negotiation were re-quired before this special dis-pensation could be agreed. Spokesmen for the printing if complain that the condins offered by the management in earlier negociations re "inhuman" and they we drafted their own product plan. The two sides were mparing plans today and set of tomorrow aside for furth discussion. Details of the line have not been disclosed.

Nine agree on of duty-free common **VAT** regulation butter ships From Our Own Correspondent

crussels, May 17 The EEC's Council of Ministars today approved a common list of items for the assessment of value-added tax, thereby opening the way for the Community to become for the first time fully self-financing from the hardenteed party and have moderated their tone ce Mr Henning Bjerg, chairn of the typographers ion, said two weeks ago that it wood intended to win the filter even if it meant the s of the Berlingske couthe beginning of next year.

From January 1, the EEC budget is due to be financed entirely from own resources the mious claim they are to as imparient as the nagement to get back to k but admit that there is a siderable difference been their estimate and Berlske's of how many printers needed. that is from the customs duties on industrial imports, the levies on agricultural imports and up to 1 per cent of the revenue from VAT.

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ske's of how many painters needed.

or a brief period last meth Berlingske Tidende was lished in reduced size with help of works supervisors, this led to violent demonstions outside the building assistance of the police needed to get the newser distributed.

or give the new negotiations avourable start, publication this emergency edition was pended.

The eating of Mantjes (salted raw herring) in June is an ancient custom in Holland, a barrel of fish being ceremonistly presented to Queen Juliana at the beginning of the season. Other EEC countries eventually accepted that it would be churish to deprive the Dutch of this traditional delicacy.

Mr Finn Olay Guntlelach, the

visit

Madrid, May 17

From Our Correspondent

A bomb damaged the American Cultural Centre here early

today a few hours before Vice

President Walter Mondale

arrived in Madrid for talks with

Senor Adolfo Suarez, the Spanish Prime Minister, and

King Juan Carlos. The bomb

caused extensive damage to moms in the centre. Two guards

The newspaper El Pals

received a pelephone call later

in the morning from the Revolu-

tionary and Amifascist Groups

of the First of October (Grapo)

claiming responsibility for the

explosion. Grapo was respon

sible for kidnapping two import-

our figures of the Franco regime

Mr Mondale said on arrival

at Barajas airport, Madrid, that he was "thrilled and excited by

ne was "unrilled and excited by the developments powards a democratic society" taking place in Spain. He said that there was a new confidence in democracy around the world. What was happening in Spain was proof that democracy was not on the decline but rather on the offensive.

Mr Mondale is the second Mr Mondele is the secure leading American politician to visit Spain in a week. Last week Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State attended the first meet-

ing of the Spanish-American committee set up after a treaty of cooperation and friendship

was signed last year between the two countries.

Mr Mondale said that rela-tions between Spain and the United States were on "a strong, firm, friendly and cooperative basis".

In the Basque region most workers returned to work today after yesterday's general strike which brought the four Basque provinces to a halt. Basque political parties are to meet to decide whether to boycott next month's general elections if the Government does not grant a

month's general elections it the Government does not grant a total amnesty by the time official campaigning starts in a week's time. The Basque Nationalist Party has appealed to King Juan Carlos to grant a total amnesty.

Authorities fear that the Basque separatist organization

ETA will start a campaign of

violence again unless something is done about an amoesty.

earlier this year.

on the offensive.

were slightly injured.

Mr Finn Olay Gundelach, the commissioner responsible for fisheries, had originally proposed that the ban on herring fishing in the North Sea should be prolonged until the end of the year. This proposal had the support only of the British and hat more embiguously of

Mr Silkin indicated at the Mr Sikin indicated at the press conference that all EEC members other than Britain and leekard would be likely to oppose a contamuation of the herning ban after June 30 and would press instead for the setting of limited carri quotas.

The Nine have also agreed that the intensity of fishing for herring in areas outside the North Sea, off the west coast of Ireland and in the Cektic Sea, should be held to its present level until the end of June. Foture policy for these most will also be decided at the June 27 meeting.

German defence

Brussels, May 7.—Herr Josef Ertil, the West German Minister of Agriculture, today warmed he EEC colleagues not to temper with the disty-free sale of businer on pass ships operating out of German

testilions of Germans every year take advantage of the system to buy Polish butter at one-third the EEC price on excursion speamers and ferrier. The European Commission

At a meeting of EEC minis-ters of agriculture here, Mr Fam Olav Gundelsch, the com-missioner responsible for egri-culture, proposed that the system of butter ships system of "butter ships" should be abolished at the end-of 1978.

Germany was ready to discuss the abolition, but only as part of an overall scheme to plase out duty-free shops chroughout the Community. The issue was shelved—Reuter.

Nato nations urged to Bomb blast before pay more for defence Mondale

Brown, the United States Secretary of Defence, told America's European allies today that President Carter expects National Car member countries to make sub-stantial increases in defence spending.
American officials said Mr

Brown rold a meeting of defence ministers that the 15 alliance countries must increase defence budgets because of the steady modernization of the Steady modernization of the Soviet armed forces. Informed alliance sources said the United States has indicated informally that it wants a spending increase of around 3 per cent, although Mr Brown did not mention any

specific figure today.

Mr Brown told the defence ministers that the alliance should develop a long-term pro-gramme to find solutions to its nost pressing military prob-

The programme, which would run for about 10 years, would include plans to increase the battlefield readiness of Nato's combat forces, especially against short-warning attack. Other subjects suitable for including in the present and the manual parts. the programme would be means of strengthening the alliance's reinforcement and electronic warfare capability as well as its sea power and air defences.

As well as the long-term pro-

the alliance should make a series of rapid improvements within the next year.

He also said more war stocks

especially ammunition, should be stored in Europe ready for instant use. The alliance must improve its ability to get reinforcements quickly to they were needed Mr Brown said that the

United States was committed to buying more European-made weapons and military equip-ment. Hardware likely to be bought by the Americans included battlefield radios, radar-jamming devices, munitions, air defence systems and anti-tank weapons.

The alliance's most senior

military officer, General Herman Zeiner Gundersen, of Norway, told the ministers that Norway, told the ministers that the Soviet Union remained committed to objectives that, if achieved, would make it the world's predominant power.

General Zeiner Gundersen, new chairman of Nato's military committee, said Soviet defence spending had been increasing at a rate of more than 4 percent a year in real terms.

cent a year in real terms.

The Warsaw Pact's military capabilities were improving at a disturbing rate, especially in the deployment of new weapons systems, he added.—Reuter. Nearly half a million of Israel's 2,236,293 voters were estimated to be still undecided which party to support when

consider negotiating with the Arabs on territorial conces-This seems doubtful in view of the expected closeness of the result. The Alignment probably will not be able to form a government without the Democratic Movement for Change and the National Reli-gious Party. Both are making demands which the Alignment Last-minute opinion samples put the ruling Labour Alignment almost neck-and-neck with the right-wing Likud Party, which has gained supcannot meet without seriously compromising its election pro-

The Democratic Movement while roughly in accord with Labour on peace and borders, is closer to Likud on home affairs and wants far-reaching internal reforms and a move to rice merprise. The National Religious Parry will not sanc-tion withdrawal from any part of the West Bank.

roung statons were due to close at 11 pm tonight. Early indications of party strength will be possible tomorrow, but the Central Elections Commit-If Labour fails, a "no concessions" government led by Mr Menahem Begin, of Likud, might be formed with the supcee will not disclose the com-position of the new Knesset until Friday.

The chief issues in voters' port of the Democratic Move-ment and the National Reli-gious Party, and one or two smaller parties taking a miliminds have been an inflation rate of about 40 per cent and tant line on borders.

rate of about 40 per cent and the series of scandals in high places. But the general election has international significance because the impression has been created that as soon as a new Israeli government is formed the United States There could also be national government w There could also be a national government with Labour and Likud cooperating, but this would probably lead to a split in the Labour ranks and the withdrawal of the left-wing Mapam from the Align-

ment.
The alignment has a higher efforts for peace in the Middle East.

Whatever the result of the election, hopes of progress may prove illusory. Washington correspondents of Israeli in the top 60 on its list. Likud has only two women in its first 45 places and the Claiming to stand aloof, State Department officials are "rooting for Shimon Peres and the Labour Alignment". They are said to fear that a Likud victory would lead to stalemate in the peace talks while a Labour led coalition would at least

One fifth of Lebanon's officers want to go

have of Lebanon's officer corps have offered to resign under a three-month Army rebuilding scheme which ended at midnight, Defence Ministry sources said today.

Ingut-wing offensive in the south of the country which had received Israeli logistics support. Seventeen brigadiers and 48 colonels were with General Saeed on the south of the country which had received Israeli logistics support.

OVERSEAS.

still undecided

Jerusalem, May 17

polling stations opened today, and party leaders feared that abstentions would be higher than in 1973.

port in the campaign's closing stages. But the large floating

vote was expected to increase

the showing of the Democratic Movement for change, the new party headed by Professor Yigael Yadin.

Polling stations were due to

Government intends to resume efforts for peace in the Middle

Thousands of Israelis

as voters go to polls

They said that Major-General Hanna Saeed, the former Army Commander was among the 194 of the country's 945 officers who submitted resignations. The Army split into four factions during the civil war.

General Saced's authority
was compromised earlier this

Under a special decree, aimed rebuilding the Army, the Government need not accept all the resignations offered and also has the power, over the next three months, to suspend any officer not on the list. It is hoped to have the skele-

ton of a new officer corps year when officers claiming ready for the reformed army allegiance to him directed the by the end of this year.—Reuter.





russels 'inquisition' of ritish commissioner m Our Own Correspondent their own attacks on Mr Seels May 17 Tugendhat, who later admitted sels, May 17

is now the EEC commis-er in charge of the budget, hauled over the coals toby agriculture ministers of Nine for the sharp critiis he made earlier this the of their role in this year's

us have not been disclosed.

Printing union officials seem

n as a place of employment.

price serilement.

a move for which obser-here could recall no prece-. Mr Tugendhat was sure-ed to appear before the culture ministers and quesed for an hour and half. He sed to retract his remarks, igh he expressed regret that: 9 of the words he had used it have been taken "to im the honour" of ministers. te offending speech was e by Mr Tugendhat on May the European Movement russels. In it he accused culture ministers of "a kly irresponsible attitude

who was the first to raise matter, told Mr Tugendaat

that "some very harsh words"
were exchanged.
Conspicuously absent from
the chorus calling for Mr
Tugendhat's head was the voice
of Mr Gavin Strang, the British of Mr Gavin Strang, the British delegate, whose more than sneaking sympathy for the commissioner's views is no secret in Brussels. Mr John Silkin, the British minister, who was in the chair, was described as irraned and impatient with the whole proceeding.

Unfortunately for Mr Tugendhat, he was also disowned by his fellow commissioner, Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, who is in charge of agricultural policy.

in charge of agricultural policy. He told the ministers that he felt as slighted by Mr Tugend hat's criticisms as they did, since he had been the author of the compromise on which the year's farm price agreement had been based.
Claiming afterwards to have

rds cost", and suggested nothing but admiration for the this was because they con- way Mr Gundelach handled the was occause mey coned "their primary responity to be to support their
rent national farming lobrent national farming lobright to his own views. "If I
cannot speak out on the budget,
ring the inquisition, Mr. who the helf can?". He said
k Clinton, the Irish Miniswho was the first to voice any other commissioner had commented adversely on his speech until today. Observers here detected a

matter, told Mr Ingendhat commented adversely on his it would be helpful if he speech until today.

d mak ean apology. But Observers here detected a commissioner retorted that distinct whiff of witch hunting is not his "intention to rein today's proceedings. After or make an act of abneal, Mr Ingendhat had done no in ". He considered that more than to echo, albeit in nissioners should have the forceful terms, widely expressed criticisms of the way in which the interests of the consumer the ministers, including the forceful terms, widely expressed criticisms of the way in which the interests of the consumer and the expresser are largely ignored in the fixing of EEC farm prices.

Oporto student shot during clash of political factions From Our Correspondent

Lisbon, May 17 A student was shot in the

leg and several policemen injured during a clash between left and right-wing factions in Oporto this afternoon. Student unrest in Portugal

has increased since Senhor Soctomayor Cardia, the Minister of Education, recently took measures to prevent the dis-ruption of scademic life, among the mihe closing of Coimbra University last week.

This afternoon Coimbra students called a demonstration against the Minister's order, but local trade unions which had been asked to participate are understood to have refused to do so. A general university strike on Thursday is now being organized.

followed student protests against the reinstarement of six professors who had been dismissed, ostensibly for political cal reasons, after the 1974

After a meeting of univer-sity professors yesterday a statement was issued describing the Minister's action as giving in to right-wing pres-ures." The professors ex-ressed their "profound indignation and disquiet " and demandde the immediate reopening of the university. Portuguese universities have been beset by disorders, most for the last 15 years. Dr Caetano, the deposed Prime Minister, resigned his post as Rector of Lisbon University in 1962 when police entered the university precincts without

Gunmen seize radio station

his permiss

17.—Three armed men took over a small radio station in these Portuguese islands in the Atlantic for a short time today and broadcast separatist propa-

The men chanted : " Long live the Azorian nation" for several minutes before police inter-vened Police refused to say if anyone had been arrested.
Earlier, increasing anni-Portuguese feelings surfaced when a mob burnt a car belonging to a miversity professor who had come to the islands from the

Ponta Delgada, Azores, May mainland. Police previously thought the car had been destroyed by a bomb blast. No one was injured. The Front for the Liberation

of the Azores has been waging a campaign of demonstrations and bomb artacks to protest against granted to the islands by the Lisbon Government instead of total independence.

The latest violence started after troops, acting on the orders of President Eases, hanked down white and blue separatist flags in the islands.— Reitter.

The growth of two classic styles of sherry. Today, as you read your newspaper, the cool, vaulted bodegas.

white Palomino grapes are in their early stages of growth on the gently rolling hills around Jerez de la Frontera.

They will ripen slowly throughout the summer, and be ready for harvesting in September. Acritical time, for if picked too soon the harvest would not have reached its full potential; picked too late and the grapes would have withered in the heat of the Spanish sun. After harvesting the grapes will be

pressed, then the mosto (juice) allowed to ferment freely for a while in casks within

Certain mostos will develop flor

(yeast on the surface of the young wine), others will not. Only those that do will ultimately become finos or amontillados. The classic fino is very light in colour

and very dry to taste, with a delicate bouquet. Luncheon Dry is just such a fino, and is best served lightly chilled as it is in Jerezitself. The classic amoutilladois richer

in colour and medium dry to taste, having taken on a particular muttiness of the wood. Such is the character of Club Amontillado.

LUNCHEON DRY&CLUB AMONTILLADO from Harveys of Bristol

President Carter defends his caution on social reform and tries to placate liberal critics

From Fred Emery Washington, May 17

President Carter today flew to California to defend his caution in domestic policies, to reiterate his commitment to social reform but to warn his liberal critics in the Democratic Party: "We can't afford to do

In his first visit to the nation's most populous state as President, he began an arduous day with an address to the United Autoworkers convention in Los Angeles, Mr Carter declared that unemployment and infla-tion must be attacked simul-taneously. "If we don't attack them together we won't be able to put a real dent in either.

However, deflation was anathema to him. "I am undierably opposed to fighting inflation by economic and budgetary policies which keep unemployment high and factories idle. That approach is economically ineffective."

economically ineffective."

He then added, for those liberals who have been worried at his withdrawal of the original economic stimulus package: "If economic stimulus package: "If the recovery should falter during the years shead I will propose the economic and budge-tary measures needed."

Peter Ramsbotham, the British

Amhassador, is regarded in

Washington's little world as one

of the wisest, most trusted

emissaries Britain has sent to

the United States in recent

decades, Eric Sevareid, the CBS

news commentator, said tonight.

Commentator, said tonight.
Commenting on the controversy in Britain over the appointment of Mr Peter Jay to replace Sir Peter, Mr Sevareid described Mr Jay as a "man endowed with many gifts—save, possibly, self-effacement".

Mr Sevareid sæid: "Americans are supposed to be loud, outspoken unirhebited—the

English courteous, restrained, It look upper lip and all that. In the factory

nounced everything to be on

The President today did not exactly meet the criticism. " are aiming to submit legislative proposals early next year", he said. He promised immediately to my to bring soaring hospital costs under some control, but he made clear the overall reform would be drawn out estab-lished only "during my time in

He also vaunted the way he

had opened up the Government. He said he had enjoyed doing such things as meeting people who normally never met presidents and talking "publicly about foreign matters that were formerly considered too secret and complicated for the ears of the American people." he American people". In his speech to the union

In his speech to the union Carrer was characteristically undaunted by the domestic problems ahead. But he wanted it to be very clear that he would stick to his declared approach. The problems could be solved, the country could he fiscally responsible and still satisfy the people's needs, he said, "if we remember that nothing comes easily or quickly.

pared to American papers.

too big, too vulgar, too differ-

Mr Carter recalled most of choices about how to use our his election promises and pro-resources, and that only lean, efficient government can translate our good intentions into actions that will improve the lives of our people".

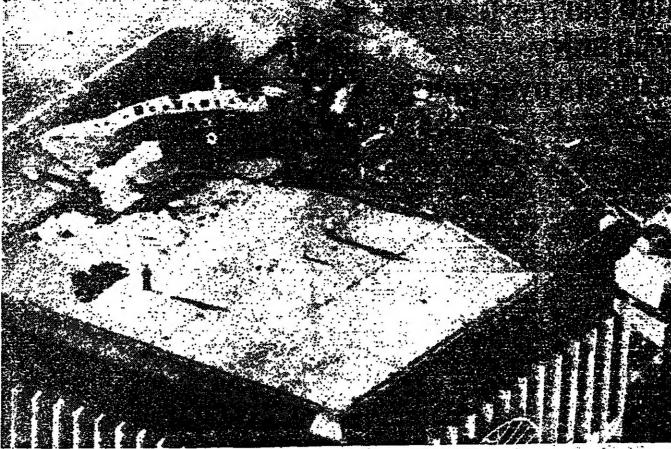
Mr Carter had earlier ex-

plained that in aiming, by 1961, to balance the federal government's budget which is con-tinually in large deficit he was not some carbon copy of a Republican spending cutter. His programmes have occasionally been compared to Mr Ford's. His balance would mainly come from increased revenues, not spending cuts, he said.

Air Carter also had special

words about energy, his conservarion plan and petrol consump tion, for this union of vehicle builders. It has been dis-gruntled over the "gas guzzler" rax proposed for large ineffici-ent cars, as well as dismayed by the rebates proposed for small cars, which would favour im-

The President boldly flattered them in saving: "I know you agree that the solution is not to erect trade barriers to keep out foreign competition." He out foreign competition." He went on: "The solution lies in using our great American ingenuity to design and produce nothing comes easily or quickly, ingenuity to design and product that we must make hard the right cars for the future.



Ferrying passengers by helicopter from New York's airports to the Pan American skyscraper in Manhattan has stopped after Monday's disaster in which five people died when a helicopter toppled over, its rotor still turning. In the photograph, rescue squads look at the wreckage.

US commentator praises Sir Peter

New York, May 17 .- Sir little worlds of press and poli-America was silently polite tics, the reverse is the truth. about it. Congressional debates are tea "Righ-"Right now, the two counparties compared to the fericious exchange of insults in the
House of Commons. The Fleet
Street press is raucouss comdoes no violence whatever to the diplomatic scenery-we get " A dozen years ago or so, a new American Embassy chanc-

Peter Jay . . . a man endowed with many gifts, save, possibly, self-effacement. ery went up in Grosvenor Square. It was denounced in the London press and Parliament— "Again, ferocity in Fleet Street and Parliament over their man, not ours. Again restraint in Washington-beent.

"They have just built their cause it's their business and because Mr Jay seems comMassachusetts Avenue, along petent enough. American annoywhat is possibly the loveliest ance concerns, not Jay, but stretch of street in America. British word of mouth attacks on . . . Sir Peter Ramsbotham."

—Reuter. cause it's their business and because Mr Jay seems com-petent enough. American annoyance concerns, not Jay, but British word of mouth attacks

President's tax Bill passed by Congress

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, May 17

· President Carter's proposal to stimulate the economy by reducing taxes has at last got through Congress. The two houses finally approved the Bill

yesterday and Mr Carter will sign it when he returns to Washington tomorrow.

Taxes on individuals and businesses will be cut by about £20,000m during the next three years. Originally, Mr Carter also wanted to give almost £30 also wanted to give almost £30 £65,290m. Mr Carter had asked to everyone, in a once and for for £65,823m but that figure all tax rebate. But the idea met was defeated in the Congress

and the President dropped it saving the economy was-improving faster than expected and the rebate was unnecessary." It is thought that 46,000,000 taxpayers will pay £65 less in tax annually.

Meanwhile, the joint commit-tee of the House of Representa-tives and Senate has agreed on Government spending levels for next fiscal year. In a com-promise on defence spending the committee finally agreed on

Britain argues case for more talks on Africa

From Nicholas Ashford

Maputo, May 17 Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said here today that Britain would work urgently to achieve peace-ful settlements in Rhodesia and Namibia (South West Africa) by

the end of next year.

Speaking first on behalf of the countries of the European Economic Community and then on behalf of the British Government, he told the United Nations conference in support of the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibit. "The commitment is Namibia: "The commitment is to majority rule in 1973. There can be no backshding on that." Mr Rowlands's visit to Mapuro to attend the conference has been widely criticized in Oppo-sition circles in Britain. However, his speech today, while perhaps, containing slightly more "liberationist rhetoric" than might usually be heard in a House of Commons debate, was the epitome of moderation

ference contributions. He made two points. First, that Britain remained fully committed to independence and majority rule in southern Africa. He emphasized that Britain's presence at the Maputo meeting demonstrated continuing demonstrated. continuing deep interest in the issues of race and freedom.

Second, he stated that in Britain's view armed struggle was not the only way of resolv-ing southern Africa's problems. Even at this "eleventh hour" as he put it, freedom in Rhodesia and Namibia could be

established by negotiation rather than by the gun.

Any chance of a negotiated sentlement must be seized. Even settlement must be seized. Even
if an armed struggle, were to
end in independence it would
take years and would certainly
cost thousands of lives.
Mr Rowlands spek out the
nature of the latest settlement
initiative on Rhodesis launched
by Dr Owen, the Foreign Secre-

by Dr Owen, the Foreign Secre-tary. In close consultation with the United States, a British diplomat, Mr John Graham, was to conduct intensive discussions; with all the perties concerned. Following which a constitution would be drafted and presented to the British Parliament. The constitution would ensure

The constitution would ensure majority rule and safeguard

fundamental human rights of all Zimbahwezns of whatever race. Its aim was independence for Rhodesia after free and fair

Mr Rowlands was applauded by a majority of delegates when he finished speaking. He also received a warm handshales from Mr Andrew Young, the United States representative at the United Nations, who arrived here last night and is due to address the conference on Thursday.

Thursday

Whether any of the so-called ferrorist leaders present at the conference derived any encouragement from Mr Rowlands's appearance, as some Opposition MPs have claimed,

uncertain. However, the minister did have private talks today with Mr Robert Mugabe, joint leader of the Patrione From 65 Rhodesia, and Mr Sam Nujoma, president of the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swape), at which he argued Eritain's case for a peaceful transfer of power in both terri-

tories. British diplomats bave been encouraged by what they be-lieve to be a slightly more flexible attitude being taken by Mr. Nujoma on the latest Western initiative on Namibia, although st press conferences today he seemed to swing back to a more militant position than in his speech to the meeting yester-

day.
Mr Mugabe is proving a the fact that he saw Mr Row-

much tougher nut to crack. Surthe fact that he saw Mr Row-lands today is taken as a sign that he has not ruled out completely the possibility of taking part in new constitutional talks. Significantly, the communist block countries which had been expected to turn out in force have sent fairly low key delegations who have so far failed to make much impression. Our Lisbon Correspondent writes: The extension by the Mozambique authoristes of the pine zhowed for Portuguese residents to leave has somewhat relieved tension here over the late of thousands still waiting for transport. They should have left by May 16 but finding space on existing scheduled flights for 20,000 or more people proved impossible.

Whites vote on sharing power in Namibia poli From-Our Corresponden

Johannesburg, May 17 A turnout of up to 70 per cent was being predicted tonight as whites in Namibia (Fouth-West Africa) toted in a referendum testing their acceptreferendum testing their acceptance of the constitutional design produced by the multi-racial Turnhalle Conference.

Turnhalle delegates have said that a trig vote in favour of the Turnhalle decisions will indicate to the world and to other groups in Namibia that the whites are in earnest about power sharing.

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Windhoek, May 17.—Two brothers died yesterday when their lorry detonated a mine which South African sources believed had been laid by guerrillas of the South-West African People's Organization.

British envoy in discussions on Rhodesia

Lusaka, May 17.—Mr John Graham, a British special envoy and head of the Anglo-Ameri-can consultative group in southern. Africa, flew into Zambia today to launch a new initiative power in Rhodesia.

He is here for talks with
President Kaunda. Mr Graham

President Nauncia. Mr Graham said he came for explanatory and exploratory consultations with all parties concerned with the creation of "a Zimbabwe with a non-racial society".

Mr Graham is due to fly to Botswana tomorrow for talks with Bisbop Abel Muzorewa, the Rhodesian nationalist. leader Rhodesian nationalist leader. He will leter travel to Salisbury for talks with Mr Smith. Mr Graham will be joined on these visits by Mr Steven Low, the United States Ambassador to Zambia—Reuter.

Mr Vorster hopes to compromise with US

Cape Town, May 17

Mr Vorster, the Son African Prime Minister, is African Prime Minister, is in approaching his meeting in Vienna with Vice-President Mondale of the United State in a spirit of confrontation The Prime Minister, who fie to Vienna today, also made a clear that he was not going is "rake orders" from the United

However, in spite of diplomatic controversy over the forthcoming unofficial visit in Johannesburg by Mr Andrew Young. The American Ambasador to the United Nations the meeting may well take place on Thursday in a better spirit than might have been expected.

Observers here have used that Mr Mondale has been choosing his words with care talking about "full particulation" rather than "majority rule" in South Africa, a form of words which invariably raise. South African hackles.

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There have also been other signs that the Carter Admir stration, while taking keener interest in the affairs of Southern Africa, is anxious as to drive Mr Vorster into a corner. The United Small which seeks South African acoperation in the Western initiatives to bring independence in Namibia (South-West Africa) and Rhodesia, is not, it appears, going to demand immediate progress towards black majority rule in South Africa itself.

South Africa's internal affairs
will certainly be on the

agenda in Vienna—Mr Vorser indicated vesterday that he is prepared to discuss his policies with anybody—but there seems to be no disposition or either side to inculge in a fruitless sianging match.

Mr Vorster will no doubt emphasize to Mr Mondole his concern about the spread of Marxist influence in Africa, a plea which South Africans feel should apple should evoke a ready response in Washington.

The Prime Minister's readi ness to cooperate with the United States and Britain in moving towards independents for Namibia and in promoting a Rhodesia sertlement has been apparent for some time.

On the Namibian question, South Africa appears to be prepared to assist the Western initiative. The Republic is being as helpful as possible, it seems, in aceptury demands for free elections in Namibia inder some form of Western super-vision. But there are still some problems about the indexendence process in the territory, with the question of an interim

government, unresolved.
On Rhodesia, heightened ten-Botswana borders in the last-few days have added urgency to Dr Owen's new settlement efforts. Here, too. South Africa wants to be helpful in exercising whatever influence it has in Salisbury, but Mr Vorster must keep careful note of white public opinion, which might react badly to overt signs of pressure on Mr Ian Smith. Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, is accompanying Mr Vorster to Vienna. He is one the younger generation a

expected to bring more flexi-bility and imagination to South Africa's foreign relations. Mr Botha recently won a landslide by election victory over an extreme-right opponent in the Johannesburg constituency of

Westdene. In response to Mr Mondale questions in Vienna about the progress of the South African Government's declared programme to move away from discrimination: Vorster will be able to point to his institution of a commission of inquiry to review the whole spectrum of discriminatory labour legislation, which was announced a week ago.

Mr Vorster and Mr Botha are expected to argue that a move-ment away from race discrimina-tion, is proceeding steadily

Black children fly to Moscow

Lusaka, May 17.—A Soviet aircraft left here today for Moscow with more than 100 black Rhodesian teenagers aboard. Tight security was imposed and reporters were not allowed to question the children, but air port sources said they were going for guerrilla training and
education in the Soviet Union.
They believed that most of
the children, aged between 15
and 18, were among those who
vanished at the end of January
from the Manama misson
school in Rhodesia.—Reuter

Popular views on Hiroshima disputed

Clive Cookson of The

contested by Professor Mar- Japanese war. garet Gowing when she delivered the eighth J. D. Bernal Lecture at London University last night.

One view was that the action was done with very little thought, she said. "In fact there was much discussion and

Another was that it was unnecessary because Japan was already defeated, and the bombs were really dropped to justify the expense of the project and the judgment of those responsible (and to forestall the Soviet Union's enery into Professor Gowing, Professor

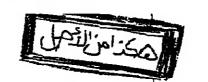
Nor was it true that Japan was given no warning. The Potsdam declaration, which Porsdam declaration, which called on Japan to make peace or else suffer complete and utter destruction, was made less than two weeks before the dropped.

The second bomb dropped, on Nagasaki, because Japan made no response to the appeal for surrender after Hiroshima three days earlier, Professor Gowing said not because scientists manual because scientists wanted try out a different type of bomb.

By Clive Cookson of The Professor Gowing, Professor She argued that it was ment of the History of Science at true to say that the bombin oxford University; said: there to say that the bombin oxford University; decisions were made in the planning Moreover, the American committee under the Serverary of State for War, while was set up to consider the use of the bomb, had three famous scientists among its 6 members and had besides scientific advisory panel w members all

eminent physicists." Professor Gowing went on to explain that the symbiosis between scientists and government, and the solidarity and unity of the scientists them selves " was ended not by the atomic bomb (which cause very little agitation for nuclear disarmament) but by the ergu-ments over the fer nore





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David Watts

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ensformed in preparation for hir visit; to give details of ture and primitive condias and to catalogue some of thousands of deaths in the sons since the attempted amunist coup of 1965.

ring as a result of the leaves the Red Cross has taken unusual step of comment-internationally on one of its its. Normally, the Red Cross its report only to the govment concerned and any dein ment wants them to be made

tC says that it "drew the continuous of the authorities to the fact that its delegates' finds could not be regarded as could not be regarded as could not be regarded as could not be read conditions of detention in Indonesia two reasons; the limited raber of places visited and difficulties encountered ing the visits."

living details of 26 prisoners; loved from the isolation ck at Salemba prison, one of se visited, the letter also ations the removal of Drandrio, the former Prime nister and Foreign Minister, l former Air Marshal Omar ani from Nirbaya prison

At Salemba the prisoners were given camp beds pillows, food and mensils before the misoners were given camp beds pillows, food and mensils before the misoners were approached by the feam they mist not speak about their experiences but only about the present conditions in the camp.

Recreational equipment was brought into the camp, includ-ing two television sets, a loudspeaker, sports equipment and games. The isolation block where prisoners were kept in their cells 24 hours a day, was emptied and the occupants transferred to Budi Utomo camp and the whole camp was cleaned up and repaired.

The Government attempted to present the Ked Cross with a completely felse picture of the human rights afforded Indonesiams, according to the writer. It is estimated that there are 100,000 political prisoners to the coursey and the United States Congress has labelled Indonesia one of the worst offenders against human rights offenders against human rights in the world.

The writer estimates that 90 per cent of the prisoners have been tortured and gives details of abuses. He says there has been a steady decline in both the quality and quantity of food given to prisoners.

he committee goes on: Initially, after the majority of the arrests in 1965, ts to places of detention in onesia on the condition that se difficulties are over two meal was given at about 5 pm or 6 pm and the evening meal was given at about 5 pm or 6 pm and the evening meal at 11 pm.

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Since 1967, the writer says, the number of deaths through beri-beri and mahusinition have increased significantly and the daily allowance has been either eight to 10 spoonfuls of bulgur wheat or 120 grains of corn with spipach and salt, the

they except on holidays, when help is sent in by the thurches or the Muslim Council, or when a tour of inspection is to be

The diet consists of a twice daily ration of 300 grams of rice of about 380 calories per-portion, a dish of tempe, a meal made of soya beans of about 190 calories, and spinach and salt with a value of a further 100 calories. The requirement of the body to fuel metabolism, movement and work is generally regarded as 2,500 calories per day.

Some detainees get help from their families, but most do not and are prope to contract a wide variety of disease.

The writer says that matistics on the number of prisoners freed have been misleading. In 1975 the Government announced that 2,000 people had been released whereas, according to information collected by the writer, only 150 were freed in barches of 30 to 40 people.

At the end of 1976 the release of a further 2,500 was announced but, according to the writer, only 120 were released. The balance of the announced number was made up of people who had been released in 1975 or before. Ambassadors from friendly states were invited to witness the release. This is the shameless way the authorities deceive them."

On release, the families of prisoners from the Jakarta area were ordered to pay adminis-tration costs. These ranged from 25,000 rupish (£35) for a low-ranking soldier to Im rupish. (£1,400) for prominent prison-



Prince Andrew (kneeling) in a production of Oliver" at Lakefield College, Ontario, which he is attending until the end of June.

Pakistan political violence

Opposition said.

They said a demonstration by supporters of the ruling Pakistan People's Party, protected by police, clashed with a rally being held by the opposition Pakistan National Alliance PNA official, were reported to Seven PPNA supporters were have been injured in fights

Islamsbad, May 17.—Nine reported to have been shot dead, their bodies being mken away by the police. Two other PNA supporters died later They said a demonstration by supporters of the ruling Pakistan People's Party, protected by police clashed with a rally condition.

In Sahiwal, northern Punjab, five people, including a local PNA official, were reported to

Talks today on Chapman case

Chapman, aged 66, the father of Ann Chapman, a British journalist murdered near here in 1971, arrived in Athens 10night to seek a retrial of the man convicted of the killing. He and his wife plan to meet Mr Constantine Stefanakis, the Greek Justice Minister, tomor-Nicholas Moundis, who is serv-ing a life semence for the murder. Mr Chapman hopes that new evidence will justify a re-

Globtik Venus suit

Manila, May 17.—The British-based owners of the oil tanker Globrik Venus, whose Filipino crew weut on strike in Le Hayre for international minimum wages in March, are seeking more than \$600,000 (2350,000) in compensation, the Nationa Seamen's Board said here.

Shots at Turkish ship

Athens, May 17.—A Greek shore battery on the Island of Samos fired on a Turkish patrol vessel trying to intercept a Greek fishing boat on Saturday mehr because it had violated territorial waters, the Govern-ment announced here.

Cairo grants asylum

Cairo, May 17.—Mr Abdul Hamid al-Bakoush, who was Prime Minister of Libya before the 1969 military coup, arrived here today from London and was granted asylum by the Egyptian Government,

Miss Longet sued

Deuver, Colorado, May 17.—
The parents of Vladimir
"Spider "Sabich, the former
ski champion, have filed a
\$1.3m (£765,000) suit against
the French singer, Claudine
Longet, was convicted in January of the negligent homicide
of their son.

Finnish visitor

Moscow, May 17.—President Kekkonen, of Finland, arrived in Moscow today on an official visit.

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Saturday while frying to nd a student demonstration racow, after the death of a lent who had worked with

be authorities say that islaw Pylas, a 23-year-old ature student, died from a while he was drank Rallow lents have alleged he was

he order, known as a prose-r's sanction, was also served fr Wojciech Ostrowski, who detained in Cracow with Macierewicz and brought to Warsaw with him. ithout the sanction, police hold people for only 48 s. Although detainees may eleased before the three this is up, if the period exist without their being ged and brought to trial.

anction can be renewed. the dissident sources said the prosecutor told Mr 10's wife, Grazyna, that her and and the others were 3 investigated under a penal article on contacts with article on contacts with le acting for anti-Polish aizations abroad.

arges under the same le were recently brought ist Mr Kuron, Mr Michaik unother committee member, Jan Jozef Lipski, who is untly in detention. No one so far been indicted for

Japanese ex-minister in scuffle

Warsaw, May 17.—A Polish secutor has issued an order ier which four members of dissident Workers' Defence unittee who were detained three months, dissident trees said today.

Tokyo, May 17.—Opposition members in the Japanese Parkisment rushed at Mr Keikichi Masubara, ite former Defence Minister, and knocked him to the floor during a controversial debate today on military bases. Mr Masubara, aged 73, also had his glasses knocked off but escaped serious injury. The incident happened during discussion of a Bill involving continued use of private land on the island of Okinawa for Japanese and American bases. Scuffling began when Mr Masuhara, cheirman of a par-liamentary committee discussing the Bill, gave his casting vote to a resolution by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party to

stop a question and answer session. There was a similar incides last night when Mr. Masuhara, an LDP member, convened the committee in the hope of winning approval for the Bill to go to the Upper House.—Reuter.

Singapore Stock Exchange

On April 4 we published a Reuter report of a speech by Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister of Singapore, to the Singapore Law Society which said that Mr Lee had sharply criticised the Singapore Stock. Exchange for, among other things, protecting its own sectional interests at the expense of the public investors, and had warned of bossible Government. warned of possible Government intervention.

A Reuter correction, which we did not carry, had explained that Mr Lee had said he was requoting remarks he made in 1970. We accept that there were no grounds for the criticisms as we reported them in any event. antly in detention. No one so far been indicted for e committee was set up to workers arrested or disad for taking part in food riots last June.—Reuter.

We regret our story was misleading in failing to make clear the context and implications of Mr Lee's comments and wish to apologize to the chairman and committee of the Singapore Stock Exchange.

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EXTRA MILD MILD CHOICE TOBACCOS KING SIZE

ow prices at Christie's st New York art sale Our Own Correspondenc York, May 17 istic's held their first art in in New York last in an attempt to win a of the circle of the correspondenc Raymond Klein, a collector from Philadelphia who bought it, said afterwards that he had been prepared to hid up to. \$1 more the Report.

of the city's growing at But though they raised total of \$4,172,000 \$,000, mainly from the

highest prices were highest prices were 100 for a van Gogh, "La le la journée", \$660,000 Baigneuse couchée" by r, and \$330,000 for "Buste nume " by Pirassa nme " by Picasso.

ogether 33 pictures were and 27 were withdrawn se bidding did not reach eserve prices set by their

Christie's opening bad been awaited with enormous interest in the New York art world, not 3,000, mainly from the least because of their clear of Impressionist and post-challenge to Sofileby Parketssionist paintings, the Bernet. The sale room was were regarded as dis packed out, with people standmg round the walls.

The main innovation inteo cuted by Christie's in New York is a system by which the seller and the buyer each pays a 10 per cent commission. This is different from the one used by Sorbeby Parke-Bernet, by which the seller pays the whole commission.

Geraldine Norman writes: Christie's have been required by aking after the sale, Mr
Floyd, the chairman of
ie's, who conducted it,
if there was any
d for discouragement,
there was no denying
the prices were in most
lower than the estimates
ed people to expect. The
tre for "Baigneuse coufor instance, had been \$7m of which \$4.1m was sold,
en \$750,000 and \$1m. Mr

Christie's have been required by
law to report prices in New
York inclusive of premium
while they have always refused
to do this for London and other.
European sales. This applies to
all the prices quoted above.
They have also been required
to issue sale totals net of unsold
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last night's sale came to about
\$7m of which \$4.1m was sold,

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Court of Appeal Corroboration by acquaintances

Observations in the House of Lords in R v Kilbourne and R v Boardman that evidence should not be accepted as corroborative where there was a " real chance" of collusion between w.tp:5528 were obiter, but they should be followed unless there were sound reasons for not doing so, the Court of Appeal said.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by Vincent Paul Johannsen, aged 52, against conviction at Norwich Crown Court (Mr Justice Mars-Jones) on five counts of buggery and five of gross indecency. A sentence of life im-

buggery and five of gross tadecency. A sentence of life imprisonment imposed on each count
of buggery concurrent with five
years' imprisonment on the indecency offences was quashed and
a sentence of seven years' imprisonment substituted.

Mr James Goudie for the appellant: Mr Andrew Don for the
Crown.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, in a
reserved judgment, said that the
indictment related to tive schoolboys, aged 14 and 15. There were
two counts in respect of each boy,
one charging buggery, the other
gross indecency. Save in the case
of the boy C mamed in counts 7
and 8, the boys each gave evidence
about more than one incident.

After arraignment detending
counsel had moved the court to
sever the indictment so that there
would be sparate trials on each would be sparate trials on each of the coupled counts. The ground was that there were no striking similarities between each of the

coupled counts so as to make the evidence on one admissible on Prosecution counsel had resisted the application for separate trials. He had submitted that the evidence on the deperitures between each of the coupled counts. The judge agreed and ruled that all the counts should be tried together. The judge's ruling was challenged, first, because there were no striking similarities between each of the coupled counts; and, secondly, because the decousters, revealed that the boys T, P, E and P were close friends.

It was submitted that from that factor of acquaintance the judge Prosecution counsel had resisted

factor of acquaintance the judge should have inferred that there was a real chance of four of the boys having concected together a false story and in consequence he should have severed the indict-

ment.
During most of 1975 the appellant worked on oil rigs in the North Sea with regular periods of shore leave, which he spent in rented accommodation in Great rented accommodation in Great Yarmouth. The prosecution's case was that between May and Decem-ber, 1975, he made a practice of accosting boys in anuscement arcades and similar places, offer-ing them money or a meal or treating them to be game, then tak-ing them to his accommodation

ing them to his accommodation or on to the beach and there committing the offences.

In interviews after his arrest the appellant made oral statements, some of which were capable of being corroboration of T's evidence. We also made a written statement, confessing gross indecency with T. In evidence the appellant admitted knowing the boys but denied that he had behaved indecently with them. He said that I', E and H had tried to blackmill him; that P and T had got together to tell a labe story about the m; and that C had made nonocertal advances to him which he

of the accused's criminal atten Reginal V Johannsch

Ecfore Lord Justice Lawton, Mr

Justice Nield and Mr Justice

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Tions belonged to two groups
which had had no connexion one
with the other. The judge directed with the other. The judge directed the jury that they must not use the evidence of any of the boys of either group to reinforce the evidence or any boy of the same group as that to which the witness belonged. Lord Reid commented on that decision (at p 750): "We must be asture to see that the apparently corroborative statement is truly independent of the doubted statement. If there is any real chance that there has been collusion between the makers of the two statements, we should not accept them as corroborative."

Their Lordships also referred to comments by Lord Wilberforce and Lord Cross in Boardman. They had considered all three comments and had decided that they were made obtter. Nevertheless they should be followed unless there were sound reasons for not doing so.

What was a trial judge to do when an accused arraigned on an indictment charging offences involving a number of youthful victims alleged that there was a real chance that the alleged victims had conspired to give false evidence?

victims had conspired to give false evidence?

The judge's only source of information was the depositions. They might, as in the present case, show that the alleged victims knew each other. Was the judge to infer in every such case that acquaintance with one another might have resulted in a conspiracy to give false evidence? If he was, many sexual molesters of the young would go free.

What if prosecuting counsel said that the police officer in charge of the case was satisfied that there had been no conspiracy? Experienced police officers tried to find out whether there had

to find out whether there had been.

Was the speculative possibility which occurred to the judge to be preferred to the assertions of the prosecution? How was any conflict to be resolved? The answer must surely be by the jury. That had long been the practice of the courts. Judges knew of the possibility. That was why it was common practice to direct juries about it. In the present case the judge had followed that practice.

The comments in the House of Lords cases should not be understood as meaning that if the depositions contained no evidence of a conspiracy to give false evidence, the judge could use his imazination to decide that there might have been one and in consequence sever the indictment so as to provide for separate trials in respect of each victim. Problems of severance and admissibility of evidence should be decided on the facts known to the court, not on speculation as to what the facts might turn out to be. A judge, however, had a discretion to exclude evidence tendered by the prosecution if its prejudicial effect outwighted its probative value: R v Selvey ([1970] AC 304).

The comments referred to were

value: R v Selvey ([1970] AC 304.

The comments referred to were directed to the exercise of judicial discretion; but if such discretion was to be exercised, there must be a factual basis disclosed in the depositions to show there was a "real chance" (for the words of Lord Reid and Lord Cries) that there had or might have been a conspiracy.

In a committal for trial without oral examination of the prosecution's witnesses, the depositions were unlikely to disclose any facts pointing to the existence of

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Buyer gets damages for storing rejected goods

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The question whether the defendants could recover from Kulfor transportation and storage costs involved a difficult question of lay. The Sale of Goods Act, 1893, provided by section 36 that "Unions otherwise agreed, where goods are delivered to the buyer, and he refuses to accept them, having the right so to do, he is not bound to return them to the seller, but it is sufficient if he infinates to the seller that he refuses to accept them". There was no provision for the situation where a seller failed to collect rejected goods and as a result the buyer incurred expenses in respect of rhem.

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the 1893 Act. In Caswell v Coare (1809) 127 ER 954) the plaintiff brought an action for breach of warranty of the soundness of a claim by the plaintiff sellers for the purchase price of a generator which the defendants' customer refused to accept, awarded the defendants damages on a counterclaim in respect of the cost of transporting the generator to a safe piace and storing it until culcitate by the plaintiffs.

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Scene from Tintomara: from left, Suzanne Brenning (Adolfine), Ann-Marie Krafft (Friherrinnan, the Baroness), Enzo Florimo (Onkeln) and ballet

Opera about a Swedish Orlando

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Verdi precedent and the assa-sination to Dick Ramstedt, managing director of the Gothmanaging director of the Goth-enburg opers, who was quick to explain that though the assassination, adds a certain frisson to the drama (as well as being a bonus to those of us who know our Verdi or our Swedish history) it isn't by any means the focal point of Werle's opera. That place is reserved for the fabulous Thu-tomara, one of the most potent RISING (X) Progs. 13-40, 2.10, 4.20, 5.50, 9.08, Late Blow Fri. et Sat. 11.28, 10.08, Late Blow Fri. et Sat. 11.28, 10.08 reserved for the fabulous The tomars, one of the most potent creations of Carl Jonas Love Almquist, the man who dominated the Swedish literary scene in the 1820s and 1830s and who, according to Mr. Ramstedt, remains a potent influence in Swedish schools: a mesmeric and radical presence comparable with Blake or Lawrence in England, Goathe or E. T. A. Hoffman in Germany. T. A. Hoffman in Germany. Fintomara is Aimquist's most talked about character, a charismatic hermaphrodite, now a girl, now a boy, loved by all by love", as she point despairingly cries. The libretto, with its linking of Swedish Radio.) narrative which at Sadler's marretive which at Sadler's One problem Mr Ramstedt Wells will be spoken in has had to face is that Werle's English, is closely based on the music is not well known in

Swedish theatre has never Almquist original. It is the England where a knowledge of been unduly squeamish about work of Leif Soderström too Swedish composers often stops political assassination. In relation to Elisabeth) who has embarrassingly short at Dag Stockholm they play Verdi's produced Handel in London Wiren—this despite the great statement and the work of practically states of Verle's rather more consistent and the work of practically states of Verle's rather more and the work of practically states. Masked Ball in its original and the work of practically success of Werle's rather more details of the murder of King ficance, from Mozare to Gustav III minutely and Britten, in his own tative accurately registered. And composer Lars Johan Werle more traditional than avantobviously had no inhibitions garde;" says Ramsred: "He would say he is bringing Tintomara to Sadier's when in 1973 he returned to the scene of that historic regional than avantobic first property of the scene of that historic regions the scene of that historic regions a cast of 700 and Birgit Nilstone traditional trade of the scene of that historic regions are soon as Aida, but in Tintomara about inadequate programme

array of operatic plums: a masked ball, forest scenes in the style of Janaček, an alley scene in the Büchner-Berg style, court scenes which draw from Werle some elegant pas-tiche ("Werle loves his Mozart and his period quotations"), not to mention a good deal of lush neo-Straussian vocal writing and a bogus execution in the manner of Tosca. In a sense, such a libretto demands an acleruc approach,

and Mr Remstedt does not extempt to deny Werle's mag-pie instincts for what is best in the Strauss Berg lanacek tradi-tions of music drama. "You are nor the first to spot the Janécek 'connexion, but eclectic or not, his style is very effective, faithful to the spirit of Almquist's novel, excellent theatre, and beautifully written for voices and orchestra." (After listening to tapes of the opera, I can confirm that Werle's scoring for his ariginative line has been been as a superior or his ariginative line has been been as a superior or his ariginative line charges a scoring and the second or his ariginative line charges a scoring and the second or his ariginative line charges are second or his ariginative line charges are second or his ariginative line charges are second or his ariginative charges. raiken about character, a charismatic hermaphrodite, now a girl now a boy, loved by men and women alike is beautifully luminous and clear; something perhaps not unrelated to the fact that for 12 years Werla was a producer in the chamber music section

tival reviews of Therese; and I must say I found them very positive about Werle's music. The only real complaint was about inadequate programme notes, so this time we're sending out a full synopsis with the tickets!

undertaking for a company which plays at home in a tiny 600-seat theatre? "Yes, but we have our own company, which means that all the singers and dancers are available. Apart from directors and conductors we use practically no guest artists. Over the years I have found that by engaging really good directors and conductors we often raise ourselves to a standard which would not readily be available from within the company. And in a small theatre good ensemble playing and good acting is something you simply must bave."-

Gothenburg's Inevitably, Gothenburg's small ensemble theatre has not produced many intercational stars, though Ragnar Ulfung, who is soon to return as Mr Ramstedt's artistic manager, and Eksabeth Erikson, the Papagena in Ingmar Bergman's spell-binding Zauberflöte, are known to European audiences, and Mr Ramstedt thinks highly and Mr Kamstedt tolinks highly of his Tintomara, Marie-Louise Hasselgran. "Although she is young, she has already sung the title role in Britten's The Rape of Lucretia for us, as well as Tintomara. I would think she is on the way to some kind of stardom; and Tintomara could well the breakthrough."

Richard Osborne

or may not be true, but it does nothing to define stage character.

Sue Holderness periodically lights up the action with a

knife-brandishing tap routine (to "My Blue Heaven") at the

arrival of each fresh victim.

That at least contains some

psychological truth, and Miss Holderness can dance.

Ascent of Mount Fuji

Michael Rudman

Television

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Michael Church.

Did someone say "documen-'? Say, rather, one playlet, two satirical sketches and one full-dress melodrama, all cunningly interwoven.

The playlet concerned a comely couple whose relationship had got out of kilter. Richard was conscientiously devoting himself to feathering a respectable suburban nest, oblivious of the fact that Geraldine traved variety and excitement so passionately that she was on the point of flying away, "Why can't you say you love her?" the counsellor wanted to know. He answered

with a wry prevarication. Act II saw a wider-eved and more thoughtful Geraldine try-

counsellor wearily. "Come on, give me an opinion about something", said Diane. She had recently worked as a nude model (Nigel's ides—"I knew she needed an outside interest"). "Interesting", said the counsellor. The best help she could have given them would have been to bang their heads together, but I felt that they,

ter off writing about the prob- Most of the comedy is about lems of a plumber, a unit trust things not happening. Gordon

down or perhaps washed out version of Robert Morley, has a wonderful way with bafflement. He manages to look so Mr Cole merely splutters and baffled even when he is angry, sighs, rather than rage like a Although Monday's episode, cornered giant in classical tragedy; but Gordon Maple, ing in the West End, was not eithough we smile at him, is quite so funny as the previous being reduced to a state of west's there were some tragent, desperation. there were some tres dously funny scenes.
Characters talked at cross

purposes or said one thing and tric, offering good drama and meant something else entirely. The dialogue, all small, aimless see the final episode in the sixchat, was brilliantly done. It is part series.

Rudolf Serkin's annual visit at this time of the year is always season, and in 1977 a pro-gramme of Beathoven from him was naturally even more of an event than usual.

ing, slurred phrasing and dialogue between the hands in its trio. The finale's note of desperation was caught in very fast tempo as well as explosive dvnamics...

Steiner/Neaman/ De Saram Oueen Elizabeth Hall

and accelerating, counterpoint. The third, and longest, makes the most imaginative use of this difficult medium's resources; and while both here and in the brusque finale the music's arguments are elliptical and not easy to follow at a single hearing, they are already convincing on the intuitive level. Robert Suter was born at St Gallen in 1919.

too, had the germ of a point. Sketch Two concerned a trio just as much in need of help, but rather more devious in their mamer of seeking it. Counsellor A, B and C (all women) seemed to work on the assumption that their feelings were just as important as those of their clients. Their conferences were occasions to recount ences were occasions to recount how they felt "so hurt", "so angry" and "really drained", and the cameras caught them in candid close-up, furrowed brows, agitated hands, figures of indulged anxiety. "D'you know," said one, "I just wonder whether we agonize too much sometimes."

Our meladrama was a mag-

Our melodrama was a mag-nificent succession of lachry-mose bellicose encounters between Pete and Charmaine, with their counsellor making repeated bids for a share in the fun. When Pete was up, Charmaine was down; when Charmore thoughtful Geraldine try-maine looked radiant and ing to protect her rejuvenated but still fragile relationship "shattered". Petc cowered in from the counsellor's suddenly his chair. When he rallied and from the counsellor's suddenly morbid gaze.

The first sketch, on the other hard, was nasty, brutish and mercifully short. Diane and Nigel, a tough-looking, exoskeletal pair, seemed to regard the counselling bureau as a routine extension of the welfare state. They wanted free, miracle-working advice on the counter now, please, and be quick about it.

"You want to use me as an unhelping figure", said their counsellor wearily, "Come on, give me an opinion about some this is not to deny the poten-

puter, nor a counsellor. But this is not to deay the potenrially sterling worth of coun-selling: as this rivering film showed, even mediocre coun-selling can be of some use. Much of the time, though, it is, like cricket, psychoanalysis and infamile doctors and naticuls. infancile doctors and patients, just another of the games people play.

Don't Forget to Write!

BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds

Five weeks ago when George Cole kicked off as Gordon Maple, a playwright hero of Charles Wood's Don't Forget to Write!, the situation looked a trifle self-induigent. Who, after all, wants to hear about a playwrights problems?

Charles Wood would be better off writing about the prob-

lems of a plumber, a unit trust salesman, a Scandinavian goes to elaborate measures to princeling who sees things on the castle bartlements. One knows a playwright's task must be hard, but abouldn't has keep it to kimself?

Well, Don't Forget to Write!

is one of those television series which grows on you, George Cole is marvellous as the baffled Gordon Manle. Mr to make his writer hero as

George Cole is marvellous as Charles Wood has managed the baffled Gordon Maple. Mr to make his writer hero as Cole, who resembles a slimmed universal a figure as any down or perhaps washed out plumber or unit trust salesman, version of Robert Morley, has by pushing him to the limit of a wooderful way with baffle. his endurance. This is comedy as McCole weekly solutions and

aesperation. Just the same, that is what makes this odd, indeed eccen-

Serkin selected the "Moon-light". Nothing was more memorable than its opening Adagio, at once profoundly calm, yet with richly expres-sive melody emerging from the

sive melody emerging from the

triplet figuration. In certain left-hand octave motifs it seemed as if Mr Serkin even had a string-player's power of

making a crescendo on one note. Again in the Finale's development his left hand was

Rudolf Serkin Festival Hall

Joan Chissell

Choosing just one sonata from each of the three periods, he began right at the beginning with the F minor work, Op 2 no 1, not nearly as often heard as its two companions in A and C. But early though it is, not a trace of eighteenth-century urbanity remained in Mr Serkin's performance. Every note was a matter of life and death, with audible intakes of breath and sometimes a stamp on the pedal too as added proof of his total involvement.

Nevertheless, despite his in-tensity in the first two move-ments, he allowed plenty of time for melody to breathe. The Menuetto brought some plead-

From the middle period, Mr

Max Harrison

A tense, refreshingly acid piece, the Sonata for Piano Trio by the Swiss composer Robert Suter, had its world premiere at Monday's concert in the Redcliffe series. Each movement adopts a different yet significantly related strategy; the first, and shortest, being a dialogue between violin and cello with percussive interjections from the piano. The second is quieter, more introverted, with the strings, now muted, resorting to imitative,

mature, accomplished and responding to a keyboard part quietly individual talent, which much fuller than those of the organizers of the Redcliffe Concerts did well to bring for-

development his left hand was an eloquent singer.

Finally to the Hanmar-klavier, and here Mr Serkin was unfailingly successful in conveying the composer's struggle to express the inexpressible. In the first movement he had to fight to get the sheer volume of sound in fortissimo—if there was a touch of percussiveness now and of percussiveness now and again, he made ample amends in the beauty of his cantabile.

Not even in the Adagio, raken faster than we often hear it, was peace easily won. There was a cutting edge to the second con-grand espressione theme, giving it a suggestion of desperate en-treaty. The great triumph of the performance was the final fugue, elemental in its surge, yet with every detail—rhythmic, dynamic and textural—under superhuman control. It will be a long time before any of us in Monday's large auditories. ence is likely to hear it projected at this voltage again. ward, despite the tiny audience.

The work was well played by a trio, with no collective name, consisting of Yfrah Neaman (violin), Rohan de Saram (cello) and the Swiss pianist Mario Steiner. The Suter performance appeared to be a good one; but less can be said of the repertoire pieces in C major and C minor which framed it. Mozart's Trio K.548, sounded frankly undistinguished, and one has many times heard both string players in far better form. Their tones were un-Their tones were unmatched, especially in the first movement, and there were too many out-of-tune notes; Steiner showed himself to be a discreet chamber music pianist but, in this work at least, nothing more positive. The three instruments were balanced in an elementary sort of way, but there was no unifying concept; and one cannor approve of a reading that holds alothe passionate emotional content of such a work.

In Brahms's Trio Op 101, the emphasis often is on mass rather than line; and this is music whose manner is almost This Sonata is the work of a literally heavier. Mario Steiner,

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soloists, His most recent work (com-

The work proceeds from nothingness to darkness to light back to nothingness in a 35-minute parabola. After an extended, hushed opening the string orchestra (with its own conductor) begins a series of four-part chords, sofuly played, which Cramb dubs "mosic of the spheres" and which contimes uninterrupted throughout the piece. A solo trombone and the soprano "sing" a duet to the "Libera me" text, and at its conclusion the rusting of chains signals the rousing of the horses of the Apocalypse. These commence their ride on the backs of overlaid percus-sion rhythms, a ride which builds to a shattering tlimax of multi-percussion sound and, in the aural masterstroke of the piece, cease, so that all that in heard is the reverberation and the quiet string orthestra, ever the aural masterstroke of the exemplary reading, from quadriple piece, cease, so that all that is ruple force to quadriple piano, heard is the reverberation and soprano. Irene Gubrud the quiet string orchestra, ever sang with ample volume and playing. The seven trumpets of impeccable infonation.

the trumpet calls evoke War Requiem, but the chill is wholly Cramb's brand of extraterrestrial music explicable only in part by the pitches and the techniques used (here, in pie plate over the bell of the

to light, as Crumb brings in the children's choruses ("Lux rucet in tenebris"), and the music recedes in a long deli-Quescence of sound, mainly for soprano, children and bells, built on whole-tone natterns.
Nothingness returns, repre-sented by three solo violins
and a vibraphone in the topmost gallery, dying out ever so slowly as one single violin ascends to the infinite, encased in the shimmer of a single note of the vibraphone.

the string orchestra (perfectly positioned by Boulez at the back of the stage, closest to the acoustically live back sounding-wall) maintained that carpet of sound which under-pinned the rest. In contrast to Ancient Voices and most of his other works, though, Crumb has severely limited the colouristic effects used in Star-Child. The music, even at its most joyous ("Gloria in excelsis!"
"Gandeamus igitur") is bleak
and cold, as if sounding in endless corridors of cathedrals constructed in outer space. The step here is beyond War. Requiem and such works as Vaughan Williams's Sinfonia Antartica in that this bleakness is not confined to earth and time, but is cut loose into space. It is usually dangerous

complex and, finally, unsettling in its overt frigidity. The "white" sounds of the soprano and the children, of the bells and the brass, are set against the texts to suggest a post-Apocalypse of an intergalactic light. It is this very unsettling quality which carries Star-Child past any immediate timbral concerns, and, for this listener, past the patness and superficiality that others find in Crumb's music.

Boulez gave the work an

The Ascent of Mount Fuji, to consider music pictorially—
these days at least—but
Crumb's music demands it,
Star-Child is at once a very
simple piece and a work highly originally performed at the Sovremnik Theatre in Moscow in 1973, is to have its British premiere at Hampstead Theatre where it will run for five weeks from June 9, with previews from June 2.

The play by Chingiz Airmatov and Kaltai Mukhamedzha-

nov, translated by Nicholas Bethell, is set one summer on a mountain in Kirghizia, and concerns the reunion of four highly placed members of Soviet society, their wives and their former schoolmistress. The play examines the difficulty of reconciling the individual's responsibility to himself and his need to conform to the state. In the cast are John Bennett, Antony Brown, Donald

Extra-terrestrial music Our Kid King's Head enter. The layout is Berlioz Irving Wardle

George Crumb (born 1929) is one of the best known of the middle generation of American composers. Works such as Ancient Volces of Children, Vox Balaenae and the Makrokosmos, series have achieved a popularity beyond the confines of the contemporary music audience. The blend of mys-tical mumbo-jumbo in the Messoien vein and a strong drama-tic streak in both his music and in his performance direc-tions has had undoubted some tage and a the opposite pole from those of a fellow-Ameri-can composer such as Eslicit Carter, in that they centre on not early the deliberately numinous, but on a celebration of sonoriues, timbres and instrumental combinations which evoke wonder rather than ranoctuation. Up to now, Crumb's works have been written for small ensembles or

pleted in March), Star-Child, is the first to be written for a symptony orchestra, and was presented in Avery Fisher Hall of Lincoln Centre this month by the New York Philiparthonic during the final weeks of Pierra. Boulez's tenura as music director. Crumb terms the work a parable; it is scored for large orchestra (quadruple winds), six horns, seven trumpers, organ, a huge percussion section, antiphonal children's chorus, a soprano and four conductors. The texts used are taken from the Requiem Mass, the medieval Massacre of the Innocents and a passage from the Book of

the Apocatypse (positioned onstage and around the hall)

For cut-price sensationalism it would be hard to match Brian Clemens's lunch time re-hash of the Moors Murder case, played by a solo actress in black tights and directed by the author with a plentiful reliance on clashing cell doors and trumpet).
The darkness gradually turns courtreom voice-overs.
As no names are given, Mr
Clemens may not have intended
a literal identification with Hindley and Brady : but action is a straight re-telling of their story, from the office meetings to their Adolf and Eva

meetings to their Adolf and Eva routines in a Lancashire council house, and ghoulish car spins into the countryside.

For our benefit the girl recalls all this in her cell after an unspecified period of detention. In fact, the case is now over 10 years old—long enough to promote a spirit of inquiry rather than gloating horror. But the only insight Mr Clemens has to offer is to characterize his heroine as a plain girl who fell Crumb, at this stage of his career, is fully the master of his forces. The separation of to offer is to characterize his heroine as a plain girl who fell unconditionally for her lover out of sheer gratitude for noticing her, and thereafter took particular delight in destroying the kind of sexual outsiders she had previously assumed herself to be. Glib stuff: it may not be true but it does

Douglas, Susan Engel Lynn Farleigh, Harold Innocent, Doreen Maptle and Phillada Sewell, Patrick J. Smith

Cricket Bursts by Randall not

frequent enough to endanger Somerset

BATH: Somerset (7pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (4) Left to make 255 to win in three hours and a quarter. Nottinghamshire finished with 155 for five. A draw it therefore was, with Somerset lacking the bowling to overcome a blow putch and Normaghamshire's madule-order Notinghamshire's mudulcorter batsmen lacking the practice to turn a useful start to advantage.

Taylor's declaration might have produced a closer finish later in the season, in faster conditions. After Nottinghamshire had lost Todd for nought, to one of the day's mastice balls, Hassin and Randell added 94, with Hassin setting the early pace with his shortarm method. By the time Dredge bowled Hassan Nottinghamshire needed another 130 in 160 minutes, which, with Rice taking half an hour to score six, was soon something even siffer. I hope I shall not be unlucky with the South African, Rice. "The best all-rounder in county cricket" he is sometimes called, though in this match he hardly looked it. He is one of those who has his bat off the ground as the bowler runs ur, rather as Greig does. As a bowler he is medium pace. He is strong, obviously, and yesterday he was colder than Monday, though by last night the wind had dried the ground up nicely for the visit of the Australians teday. Rice was confit off a huge skier behind the bowler, just before the Rice was caught off a huge skier behind the bowler, just before the last hour started with Nottingham-shire at 129 for taree. Randall was still there, a hero not quite in touch. This is going to be a diffi-cult season for Randall with everyone expecting great things of him.

After a shaky start he had bursts of playing quite freely, usually when the bowlers were over-yitch-

when the bowlers were over pitching, but they were not frequent enough to put Nottinghamshire in serious contention. In the fourth of the last 20 overs Randail was caught at slip, driving at Moseley, the last relevant occurrence of a slightly disappointing last day slightly disappointing last day. after lunch to make 175 for four, which was fair going. Richards contributed a startling 28, Den-

with his 73 of the first innings, Rose is 26, Denning 27; both are left-handers, both have a lot of fair hall Denning is a left-handed Clive Radley: Rose, the faller of the two, could be marginally the better; both, though, are well launched on what promise to be

successful county careers.

For the appearance of the Australians Close is coming out of hibernation. It is about now that he starts to make his attempt to become the oldest Test player since he played last. Joel Garner, Littleborough at the weekends (they call him "Little Bird" up ticre). Garner is available for midweek championship matches. The current Wisden refers to his

The current Wisden refers to his "dynamic bowling and mighty hitting" in lest year's Centrel Lancashire League. Such is the sponsorship for today's game against the touring side that everything taken at the gate, plus a little more, will be profit for the country club.

Several First Innings, 270 for T. P. "Dendies 735, T. Botham by D. R. Don't for 771, T. Botham by D. R. Don't for 771, Second Innings, 270 for Second Innings, 270 for A Michaelle, not out 70, Michaelle, not out 70, Michaelle, not out 70, Michaelle, not out 70, Michaelle, house while 12, Michaelle, house with 12, Michaelle, house out 13, Michaelle, house out 14, Michaelle, FALL OF SO. WICKETS: 1—70.
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Winning run just | Partnership of out of Hendrick's reach

DERBY: Warwickshire (3 pts) beat Derbyshire by one run A matter of inches prevented Derbyshire from snatching another dramatic victory, with a six from the last ball, against Warwickshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup game yesterday, Brilliant sunshine. game yesterday, Brilliant sensitine, duziling the batsmen, stopped play on Monday night with Derhyshire needing 32 and at least one wicket to spero from 22 balls for victory. In the event they scored 31 runs—because the tailender. Mike Hendrick, was a couple of inches short from grounding his bat while running two in the final over. Devid Evans, the umpice, sig-David Evans, the umpire, sig-nalled "one short" and Derhy-shire were this margin away from victory after Hendrick had hit the last ball of the match from Bob Wills over the long on boundary

nine and now means they must heat Glamorgan in the final match in their group if they are to have a chance of reaching the quarter. final round for the first time. Derbyshire lost the wickets of Bob Taylor and James Graham-Brown in their france pursuit of their difficult target but Colin Tunnicilife, who hit two sixes in no over to give Derbyshire victory over Surrey on Sunday, revived hopes. He and Hendrick were left needing 18 off the final over

WARWICKSHIRE: 190 · G. W. Hump-

165 sends Northants on CHELMSFORD: Northampton-shire (3pts) beat Essex by seven

An unbroken stand behreen Mushing and Larking steered Northamptonshire home scalast Essex in the Benson and Hedges Cnp yesterday.
It was a record fourth wicket partnership for the competition and helped Laridus, who made 73. not out, to collect the gold award: He took three wickets for 13 as Essex were put our for 187. Mushing was undefeated with 65 when Northamotonshire, who had restrict of 20 for two, reached their target in the lifty-third over to reserve their place in the quarter-linal round.

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NEWARK: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire; 11.32 to 7.0.
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Boxing-

Ali mentions Shavers and Holmes as likely rivals

Landover, Maryland, May, 16.—

Muhammad Ali, the world heavyweight boxing champion, retained
his title here fortight by outpointing alredo F. Tangelista, of Snain
in a bout that often resembled
more a circus toan a serious
boxing match.

Ali's antics were sometimes
comical, but often dull and the
crowd of 12,000-in the 20,000capacity capital centre frequently
booet the two boxers.

The 22-year-old Uruguayan-horn
Evangelista, who was given little
chance of success, went the
distance and succeeded in hurting
the champion with a number of
punches. Ali, 35, played the
reluctant warrior for the first
five rounds. He threw few punches
and if Evangelista had not forced
the action the match would have
come to a standstill.

The champion would lean back
against the ropes, motion with his
gloves and arms at the
challenger—nempted unaveilingly
to penetrate his guard.

There was no way of knowing
how hard Ali was trying in the
early rounds. But to most ringsiders, he seemed to be doing his
level best to stop Evangelista over
the last five.

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drawn one. Ali was guaranteed
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Conteh granted injunction

A High Court judge vesterdpy evening granted John Conteh, the world light-heavyweight boxing changelon, a temporary order preventing the Srilish Boxing Board of Control, Sripping him of his title.

The injunction was also against two British members of the World Boxing Council, Alexander Elliott and Ray Clarke. The order is effective until Friday, when the Board of Control, the Filiott and Mr Clarke, not present or represented yesterday, will have an opportunity to be heard.

Lucent on trial

Lucent attempts to extend her witning sequence to four in the tupe Stekes at Goodwood tomer-

Basketball STOCKHOLM: Lureneum charapionthin, qualifying match: Netherlands, 1 8s. Scottage 72

Sporting Yankee looks England's last hope

Goodwood today stages the last recognized Derby trial in this country. This is the Silver Jubilee Year Predominate Stakes, run over a mile and a half, it will need a spectucular performance from any one of the six runners this afternoon to have much of an impact on the Derby market even in this troubled year.

The most likely winner would

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The most likely winner would appear to be Sporting Yankee, if you pay heed to his victory in the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster last autumn and to his stout effort in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket halfway through April. Really to fancy Sporting Yankee, though, you must obviously disregard his running in the 2,000 Guineas in which he finished only 13th. Peter Walwyn, his trainer, is content to do precisely that, reasoning that Patrick Eddery did not subject Sporting Yankee to a hard and fruitless race in the Grineas just as soon as he realized that the horse was not going to finish in the first four.

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They were always going too fast for Sporting Yankee in the Guineas; which was always a possibility. But he ought to be infinitely more at home racing over a mile and a half this afternoon. Sporting Yankee's best will probably be good enough to chiach today's rrize, which includes two silver jubilee beakers.

With Dick Hern's horses running into form no one ought to be surprised if Ahillon makes his presence felt. He certainly could

Newmarket much easier. But that was confined to maldens at state-ing, and today's opposition looks altogether much tougher. But that was confined to maldens at state-ing, and today's opposition looks altogether much tougher. But-deputally, laffillon is the laffil Reef colt who cost his owner 202,000 guiners when he was sold as a yearling sold at public auction in the United Kingdon.

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Price is also running Nice Balance this afternoon, but this handsome American-bred cold has disgraced himself on two occasions already this season, first at Newmarket, where he finished a long way behind Sporting Yankee, and then again at Lingfield Park, where he finished nearer last than list in a handicap. Black Minstrel limished third behind. Tolly and Accelerate in the White Rose. Stakes at Newbury, but the form

STATE OF GODIE | official): Good cood: Good. Ripon: Good Bangor-official Good. Newton Abbon: Good official cood.



Angela Rippon, "more tired than her horse", returns on Star Performance after their Goodwood victory.

Some easy pickings for southern 'vultures

By Jim Snow Ripon has its third ringle a neeting this season teday the 13 races contested eight been wan by herses makes cynicism at the last Ripon is

reason for suggesting that the three places in the Skelleate horses trained at allowing ereign, Squeak Fairhurses Cod Scrap and Harry Blackshape Dan. In the other five races, he ever, I expect southern stable come off best.

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Goodwood programme

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3.30 PREDOMINATE STAKES (3-y-o: £3,655: 11m)

2.15 ALLHALLOWGATE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,054: 11m)

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2.0 WAHED is specially recommended. 2.30 Fettered Lady. 3.0 Bright Decision. 3.30 Sporting Yankee. 4.0 White Lancer. 4.30 Surma Pink. 2.30 True Target, 3.0 Bright Decision, 3.30 Royal Blend, 4.30 Seulatte

4.45 STONEBRIDGEGATE STAKES (£1,180 : 1m)

Ripon selections

By Our Racing Staff
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Sunderland need one | English aim point to defy logic

Football Correspondent

Sunderland hit rock bottom of the first division late in September. Early in February they were still fixer, having won only two Covening C 41 10 14 17 -11 34 games and given a new manager, limmy Adamson, a desperately division stration to resolve. Yet of the three threatened clubs they stand marginally the best chance of avoiding disappointment when the FA cup final teams than the season's two remaining the season's two r

stand marginally the best chance of avoiding disappointment when the season's two remaining matches crucial to relegation are played tomorrow might.

Sunderlend play at Everton and Coventry City will be at home to Bristal City. It would be out of character with this excitingly complicated season if there was a straightforward way to add one of these names to that of Tottenham. Hotspur and Stoke City with have already been dismissed to the second division.

Everton are in the middle of the battle but only trying to avoid stray bullets from the comparative safety of a midway position in the league. Coventry are the most dengerously placed because they must beat Bristol City to be sure of stavival. Sunderland need one point to defy the logic of many mouths by staying to the first division. The result they least want to see, combined with a defeat for themselves, would be a dreaw at Coventry which would finish them. However, Coventry counter task playing for a draw in case Sunderland do the same or win. The

Ticketless travel to Wembley discouraged

The Football Association admirest yesterday that they would never stamp out black market cup final hickets. But the secretary, Ted Croker, is confident that the FA are winning their battle against the touts. Mr Croker, while deploying the record amounts of cash being puld for black market tulteds for Saurday's match be tween Everpool and Manchester United, said: "Prices are so high only because the steps that we have taken are working reasonably well."

He added: "We are by no means satisfied. We will never rest until we see tickets gering into the hastills of people who really belough have them." But conceded: "We will never stop tickets reaching the black market. Some peoply who, have bought rickets legitimately will we know the face value."

The FA's main aim is no stop blocks of fichets being offered for resale.

Mr Croker also made two specials and where you purchased it. We will never show the face value he says: "Please left us know the number of your lickets and where you purchased it. We will save life the second in the same and the face value he says: "Please left us know the number of your licket and where you purchased it. We will save left us know the sumper of your licket and where you purchased it. We will save left us know the number of your licket and where you purchased it. We will savestigates every report."

And for supporters set on trevelling to Wembley in the hope of picking up a last minute cicket, the message it: "Don't botter."

Victories on Monday for West Ham United and Bristol City over the FA cup final teams, Manchester United and Liverphol respectively, helped to condemn Stoke, who lost through a disputed penalty at Asion Villa, and placed Coventry in the hottest seat of all.

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Sunderland looked on probably cursing that they had only drawn with Norwich City on Saturday, but the fact that they are in a position to defend themselves against relegation is a remarkable tribute to Mr Adamson's management.

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The club's revival has run parallel with Mr Adamson's professional recovery. Last year he parted from Burnley after 29 years and spent the summer unemployed. He returned to his native north-east in December and possibly with the benefit of having looked at the game from without he took positive action to save a ship sinking so fast that only the masts were showing. He introduced several youngsters and at the same time forced more experienced players not me expect first enced players not to expect first team places by virtue of seniority.

Juventus face stiffer task against Bilbao

goes awry after an early score

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When Treart scored for the
Football League atter only six
minutes of this jubilee game at
Hampilen Park, it seemed as
though the English might swallow
the Glasgow XI. But some amazlog missed chances by the Football League and a fortunate
penalty award brought the Scots
back into the game.
Theart's goal came from a cruss
by Stanley, backheaded by Channon and Rough had no chance
with the Manchester City player's
shot. The Englishmen then domimated the half but Channon once
and Royle twice missed easy
chances with the Scottish defence
in trouble.

The English build-up was good

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The English build-up was good but their finishing much too casual. Early in the second half Glasgow were given a penalty when Johnstone stumbled. Jardine

Glasgow were given a penalty when Johnstone stumbled. Jardine equalized from the spot.

The goal encouraged the Glasgow side and in 68 minutes Dalglish went through to score a fine goal from a MacDonald pass. Don Revie, the England manager, brought Barnes on for Royle in an effort to get the equalizer but the Scots defended grindly.

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Athletics

Severe test for Miss Lannaman

Sonia Lannaman faces the Somis Lannaman faces the moment of truth when she runs in the athletics meeting aponsored by Philips at Crystal Palace today. The 21-year-old runner has her first important competitive outing over 200 metres since before the Olympic Games and the start of the most injury-troubled period of her spectime career.

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"You can do all the running you like in training, but h is not until you drive off hard in a race that you know if everything is all right.", her coach, Charles Taylor, said. "Soria was in tremendous fettle when she had a training race over 200 metres last night, but tumorrow brings the moment of truth".

There is no doubting the standard of today's examination, for Miss Lannaman, the British record holder, competes against the magnificent Polish star, Irena Szewinska, winner of three Olympic gold medals and the world record holder for both the 400 and 200 metres. Miss Lannaman has just spent two weeks training party in Cologne, and Wendy Clarke, another international sprimer, and Mr Taylor went with her.

Yachting.

Fine conditions for Tomatin Trophy series

By a Special Correspondent

When conditions are right there
is no finer place to race a yacht
than the west coast of Scotland,
and the fleet gathered at Tarbert
in Loch Fyne yesterday for the
Tomatin Trophy series had their
finest racing yet. The southerly
wind held true in direction, never
blew over 18 knots, and the san
shone from a cloudless sky.

Nick Stratton, in the halftonner Hydro-Djim, is almost certain to win the main award after tain to win the main award after his fourth victory in a row yester-

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Hockey

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The bitter memories that still affect German Jews

There is a great problem for many Jews in visiting Germany, and it has no readily available solution, because in going to Germany, many Jews feel that they are betraying those who died on German soil or by German hands, that they are being disloyal to their ancestors, and that they are forgetting the past and allowing the memory of those who were murdered to sink into oblivion. Some of this was present in my mind when I first went to

Germany some years ago. On that occasion I encountered a member of the NPD, a neo-Nazi, who told me that many of Germany's economic problems were caused by the Jews. Then, in my haiting German, and half-weeping with rage and frustration, I explained that I was Jewish. Now, if that happened, I might be better able to handle it, for last year, at a Jewish-Christian conference in Germany in dis-cussion with German Christians, I experienced a degree of intimacy rarely achieved here, for the problems German

Christians have in dealing with Jews and the problems Jews have in coming to Germany were discussed freely and every-body was prepared to talk, to listen, and, above all to express their own guilt,

above all to express their own guilt.

While I was there, one afternoon I walked up the hill through the wood to the old Jewish cemetery. Throughout the Nazi period it had remained unharmed and it is now covered with leaves, logs and the marks of decay through lack of care. There were two men there, aged about thirty, who were cleaning and sweeping, mending fences and clearing the moss from gravestones, and they explained that for them it was an expression of their sorrow and guilt to maintain explained that for them it was an expression of their sorrow and guilt to maintain the hundred-odd cemeteries in the area as best they could. They are not paid for it—they do it in holidays and in their spare time because they feel it is something that should be done and that, if the present Jewish community of Germany will not do it, then they will. They felt strongly that the modern German Jewish community had abandoned its duties to those now dead, and that the memory of what happened in Germany must be so alive in the minds of the Jews that it was strange that they did not wish to maintain the physical memorials. They, as non-Jews, felt there was a break in continuity in German Jewry not only because of Nazi persecution but also because the present-day-lews in Germany did not feel that they day-lews in Germany did not feel that they were the successors to those who were persecuted.

This week's guest column is contributed by

Julie Neuberger, a rabbinical student at Leo Baeck College,



To a certain extent it is true to say that modern German Jewry is by no means the successor to that culturally and religiously strong prewar community—there are now only about 27,000 lews, whereas before the Second World War there were over half a million, and the mood is entirely dif-ferent as a result of what happened. Synagogues have been rebuilt, but are not full; communal halls exist, beautifully equipped, but are rarely used—the Jews of Germany exist now in tiny scattered communities with little leadership; they are not an outward-looking group, and those that one meets seem self-contained and and a result with moreonic hall. and sad, a remnant with memories that have not faded but which they do not wish

During the conference we went to a service on the Friday evening in the local synagogue—the few Jews of the town told us that it was this that they really looked forward to throughout the year, with the synagogue full to overflowing, no seats to spare, and a communal supper afterwards in the hall with singing and dancing. For us, spectators, it was over-emotional and almost meaningless, but for the few German Jews there it was notthey sat with tears pouring down their faces, parrly of joy, parrly of sorrow. One old lady, sitting bolt upright and weeping, told me that when one saw celebrations such as this, one could still believe that the little time, however, for most of the present Jewish community—they were neither German nor religious, so she could find nothing to say in their favour. The neither German nor religious, so she could find nothing to say in their favour. The only encouraging thing she could see was an influx, albeit a slow one, of Jews from South America, of German ancestry, who were trying, gradually, to build up the community again. As for talking to Christians—what for? Had they not done us enough damage? Could she not live out her last days in her birthplace in peace, without being bothered?

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That perhaps expressed it best—for the German Jews, there is no point in talking to Christians, for the problems are too great and the anger too close. Nevertheless, Christians in Germany need Jews to talk to, and as a result they have to import them. At the conference I attended, most of the Jews were English—the German Jews stayed awav—yet we ate, drank, studied and discussed in English and German and a language halfway between the man and a language balfway between the two which defies description, and despite the difficulties there was communication on a very profound level, and I was left with the impression that it is on German soil, with all its complicated and bitter memories, that some real Jewish Christian understanding is achieved, even if it is as yet without the participation of the lews living in Germans. Jews living in German

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From rhyming couplets to sex, satire and success

a woman's point of view in this way before, and they are given great relief-

they feel less lonely.
"So much of the criticism of women

The trappings of success are visible and pleasant—the flower filled suite at the Savoy, overlooking the river in spring, the telephone calls, the photographer, the eartist, an interviewer. Erica Jong sits in the middle of it, calm and polsed after an overnight flight from New York without much sleep. Her first novel, Fear of Flying, made her a celebrity. For the first time, a woman had written a novel which was not only funny but also one in which she allowed berself the freedom to discuss and describe sex—something which has, up to now, only been allowed to men. A suces de scandole, for a start, followed by her second novel How To Save Your by her second novel How To Sa Own Life, which is just out.

"I have always written, ever since was a little girl. I come from a family of painters, and I never admitted to myself that I wanted to be a writer—a professional writer. I really love to write—ir makes the very happy, and I feel most alive and most real when I am writing.

But I think of recent are a next when But I think of myself as a poet rather than a novelish—s poet who happens to write novels." There are three books of poetry—Fruits and Vegetables, Half-Lives, and Loveroot.

"I taught English because it never occurred to me that I would be able to support myself writing." She has a master's degree at Columbia on eighteenth-century literature, and the PhD she never finished was to have been on Alexander Pope.
"I've always been very attracted to swife
but I found I liked Byron and Swift
better than I liked Pope. Though I have personally gone a long way towards free verse, I started out writing poetry which rhymed, and I liked Pope's rhymed couplets. I re-read The Dunciad recently, because I am doing some research—it's unreadable, I think because it's so full of contemporary alicelons that are now totally forgotten."

totally forgotten."

How To Save Your Own Life—a continuation of the life and times of her heroine, Isadora Wing—has a strongly satirical streak. "I am always glad when people say that—I have readers who take my work so literally. I have always wanted to be a satirical writer and I was rather proud of the Hollywood section of the new novel. I think I captured something of that different world in California." She reminds me of the saying that everything that isn't nailed down in America slides into southern California, centre of the yoga institutes—"very funny, and quintessentially American, It's a marvellous place for a writer to describe, though I am forever devoted to New York. New am forever devoted to New York. New York is a marvellous city but rather hard to live in. People don't smile any more when they do things and nobody has enough time—that bothers me more than the murders and the rapes. The quality of life has become so bitter—but it's still a narvellous place"

Now she lives in Connecticut, two hours from the city. " It's hard to function as a writer in New York unless you are a hermit and you can lock yourself in a windowless room. I can go out seven nights a week, the telephone rings constantly, and the Zionists or the Salvationists or some other good cause always want a poet to give a free poetry reading or a celebrity to appear. I say yes to everything, a year goes by, and I haven't written a book. "Celebraty belongs to a third person-I

don't feel I am connected to it. A writer's fame is never the kind of celebrity that Robert Redford has. I'm nor usually recognized in public. Air hostesses always recognized in public. Air hostesses always recognize me. I always wonder if they would save me first if the plane crashes—I guess they won't!" Her fear of flying—so rividly described in her first novel—has now completely gone. "I have come to think that the fear of flying is a fear of leaving home, and being out on your own. I think it's fear of independence, or being out of control." Not for nothing was she married for many years to a psychiatrist. married for many years to a psychiatrist. The novels are (to some people, rather horrifyingly) autobiographical. Isadora is a part of me, but for the next book I have got to do something different. I said 'I don't want to write a sequel' and How To Save Your Own Life started out as quite

about a world I don't know at all, I gave writers is not of their books, but on the male critic's notion of what a woman should be and isn't. It runs 'If she were my wife and she wrote a book like that, I'd kill her'—it's not literary criticism, it's criticism from a patriarchal society.

"There has been a great deal of the pattern of restribution in novels about Isadora my own pressures-and felt it was good to document them. Now I am working good to document them. Now I am working on a novel set in a historical period some 200 years ago. The hardest thing with writing is the self-doubt that creeps in Every 50 pages you reach a crisis point when you really feel like giving up. You don't believe in the character and you don't believe in the book. I believe I have started two books for every one that I have finished.

"I get a lot of mail from the novels."

"I get a lot of mail from the novels, and a lot from the poetry as well. The letters are so personal, so passionate and so serious that I have to answer them. I started by answering every one in detail—then I tried answering none of them then I tried answering none of them because I was simply overwhelmed, I just sent them a copy of a new, unspublished poem with my good wishes, and now I have a very good secretary-cum-researcher. I still answer a lot of them myself, if semething really touches me. They can be eight, 10, or even 25 pages long. There is something in my work which is very intendiate, which is what I aim for, and to which women respond. This is one of the reasons why I have revealed parts of my life, and myself. You use your own heart as a kind of laboratory—a workshop in which you can find out what other people are thinking and feeling. Many women say that nobody has told the truth about what women feel and from a woman's point of view in this way

pattern of retribution in novels about women, starting in the plueteenth century—the heroine nearly always dies"—she goes on to cite Edna O'Brien, whom she much admires, and Mary McCarthy, as writers in this tradition. "The women seeks for independence, and a terrible retribution falls—even for just some small thing, like speaking up to her hurband. It is the guilt that we turn against ourselves. I've been called an erotic writer (which I don't thick I am). In any case, in erotic writing there is plways the don't in erotic writing there is always the dark side that emerges—five months of bliss and 50 years of misery...

"I remember Rebecca West wrote a piece in the TLS on modern women novelests saying that the theme could still

be 'How could you use a poor maiden sn' and that little had changed since the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. I wanted to change this to show someone loving, leaving and going on—it was a great break through to love and satisfaction."
And so Erica Jong surveys the next

book, the large eyes that don't miss much, behind enormous glasses. There's a distinctly satirical look there. It might just be the twentieth-century Dunciad. With Philippa Toomey



atchplay uld be leveller

Correspondent liry between Spanish and i professional goffers will be ued today when the match-championship sponsored by liliance begins at Stoke

Spaniards are compering sek, including four who have ive of the first six important stonal tournaments this Severiano Ballesteros, of the French Open and I-money winner list: year, 21-year-old J. Reynolds Widdlesex. The Spaniard is second to meet Brian in the final.

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by this should mean that will get that far. Antonio 0, winner last week at Fuldalso of the Madrid Open. an Australian, R. Witcher, as a promising reputation. Gallardo, winner of the Open and vivacious leader band, is opposed by J. tone, while the man who it all this season by winthe Portuguese Open, M. plays J. Fowder. other six Spaniards eners F. Abren, winner of the fadrid Open, against M. G. Severiano's brother Manuel R. W. Mann, J. Canizares the South African J. M. Calero who is opposed italiey of Australia. These the top half of the draw esterday.

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burch won the Welsh team golf championship second year running at y yesterday, when they Royal St David's Club.

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Three top seeds find little opposition in first round

Roma May 17.—The three top same. He held on grimly in the seeds, Adriaho Panama, of Italy, Chilletimo Vilat, of Argentina and life Nastase, of Romania, moved assity juto the second round of the Italian remuis champloniships, here today. Nastase, making full use of this drop shots, making full use of this drop shots, making full use of this drop shots, first time, was frequently drawn defeated Belus Prajour, of Chile, 6—2, 6—3, Panatta, the top seed, to the net only to see the ball had an aven easier owing in spinning past him Panatta, confident after an easy first set, broke Saviano, 5—1, 6—2. Vilas, the Saviano's service in the second second seed, found lively opposition from Roger Taylor, of three aces in the third and went form.

Nascase broke Prajour's first two services to take the first set then looked like ending sine match in a matter of minutes as he broke the Chilean's first two services in its matter of minutes as he broke the Chilean's first two services in its pwn errors. The only surther second set But in a desperate the content to lose through the Chilean's first two services in its pwn errors. The only surther second set But in a desperate price of the day came when Eric attempt to salvage something. Deblicker, of France, best Onny. Parun, of New Zealand, 5—7, 6—3, 6—3.

Yesterday's results in Rome

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Rugby Union

Well trained Lions eager for successful tour

Mastertou, New Zealand, May
17.—The British Lions Rugby
Union players will have their first
game for several weeks here tomorrow and are eager for the
New Zealand tour to begin in as
successful a way as possible.
On the form shown in training
today the Lions are well prepared
for the opening match of the tour
against Wairarapa-Bush.
The Lions' backs moved crisply
and well in their final work-out
(Cardiff): D. L. Ouinhell (Lianelli)

and well in their final work-out with perhaps only a slight worty about the speed of ball clearance from the manis and set-pieces by scrum half, Bryumor Williams. The pack, with the tall and heavy locks, Nigel Horton and Moss Keane, will provide the Lights with a substantial advantage. in the linouts and scrummages. in the linoist and scrummages.

Much inverest will centre on the performance of Horton who has a reputation for being an uncompromising player and a dedicated student of lineous, and scrummaging techniques. But interest will not stop with Horton for, as with every tour, opinions of ability can be formed only after the first match.

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John Dawes, the coach, uninnains he will be satisfied simply
with a win tomorrow, but he will
be looking for more than that. He
said they were keen and it and
caser to set these first two games said they were keen and it and eager to get these first two games over because none of them had played in a march for several weeks. No one here expects Waltarana-Bush m win tomorrow's match, but a three-bach covering of snow

Lions.

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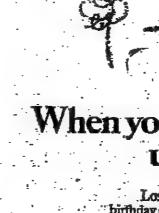
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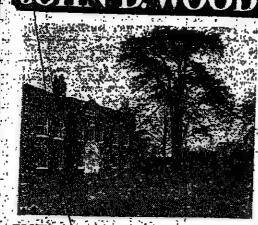
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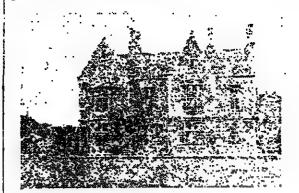
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Timothy Raison on the need for elected representatives to curb the big power blocks

MPs must make sure that the incomes policy buck stops in Parliament

The last year or two has taught us to acid one more to the rites of spring—the great policy chase, or perhaps it is better to see it as the approach of a medieval starpening their kness, the CBI burnishing its shield and trying to find its armour. The peasants are left hoping that vey will not be crushed underfoot—and Members of Par-hament wondering whether they might be allowed to book a seat in a spectror stand. It is Parliament's role in all this that I want to discuss. It seems to have become accepted that Parliament is not capable of playing a creative role in the formation of incomes too big, too awkward or too incepresentative of the vital interess in management and labour and therefore incapable of delivering the goods. The result has been that incomes policy has been negotiated by government, under the Const

varives, on a tripartite basis with TUC and CBI, culminat-

ing with Mr Heath's October, 1974, proposal for a televised

NEDC negotizing forum; and then under Labour through the

bilateral social contract with

Parliament has only really which the government's the irony is that the minister liberal in charge of all this was Mr which blickeel Foot—the biographer based. hagiographer) behind the back of Parliantent.





with outside bodies, and then presenting Parliament with a fait accompli." And the outside body to which he specifically referred was the TUC

To be fair, people have argued for decades whether Parliament is capable of deuling with our great economic and industrial problems, and the idea of an industrial Parthe unions, as well as Mr Hea-liament was often monted-by ley's current notion of the Churchill among others—forty "conditional" tax reduction. or fifty years ago. Indeed, or fifty years ago. Indeed, other countries, including Web mar Germany, Mussolini's Italy lative stage—as for instance n and post-war France have 1975 when it passed the statute made experiments in that More recently we direction. prefent "non-statutory" policy have been alerted by among slipping away from those is founded. That year we had not merely to convert a White Paper into law without amend-growth of corporatist tenden-growth of corporation tenden-growth of corporatist tenden-growth of corporatist tenden-growth of corporation tenden-growth of corporatist tenden-growth of corporation tenden-growth of corporati ment but even do the same for cies in our own society, emboliberal democratic notions on which Parliament has been based. Whether corporatism siways hable to exist so long of has taken the form of trying to as we plump for imposed in-Bevan, who once use outside hodies as instructiones policies. Nevertheless, I have protested, on ments of government or as there are stops we could take than one occasion negotiating equals of govern-which do not assolutely than one occasion negotiating equals of govern which do not assolutely the Government going ment has varied; but either depend on scrubbing incomes way Parliament has been the policy. For a start, it should be loser.

But does it matter, and is unwieldly Chamber of the to see that the debate must Parliament capable of dealing. House of Commons is in fact come back to the Commons. with issues like incomes policy? I believe that we have assumed too readily that Parliament is not, and that the results have been harmful. There has been increasing resentment at the notion that the unions should have a monopoly of influence on the government in these matters: the consent on which incomes policies are bound to depend is suffering as a result; the in-terests of both dynamic management and consumers appear to count for nothing; and power is widely felt to be

slipping away from those whom the electorate has tion for what has happened. How could I riament do better? Clearly the problem is comes policies. Nevertheless,

land and Wales Bill. And the debate has a reality that derives from the fact that those taking part in it have at the end of the day to be accountable to their elec-

Ah ves, it will be said, but the lies not in the constituencies but on the shop floor and per-haps the buardrooms. Of course, there is something in his as a matter of fact; the more we accept it, the more we ensure that power moves away from the elected representatives of everybody into the hands of the great power blocks outside—to the despair of ordinary people are strong between the Labour parliamentary party and the unions, and I believe that the commitment to purliamentary democracy is still strong enough to make it possible for Labour to change course, and

But a change of course, or heart, would not by itself be enough. Parliament must also equip itself to do its job better. In the Chamber v. Committees arguments that go on when the working of Parliament is discussed, I am nor-mally a Chamber man. Nevertheless there is one committee development that could be highly important which I

highly important which I recently put forward in the form of an early day motion. My fellow signatories spanned the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and the 1922 Committee, two vice-chairman of both the 1922 Committee and the backbench Tory Finance Committee and a former chief secretary of the

The motion called for "the establishment of a committee on economic and industrial on economic and industrial affairs which would have the powers of both a select; committee to investigate, call witnesses and report on matters within its remit and also of a standing committee to consider any legislation that falls within

Finance Rill)".
The aim of the motion is two-fold. By combining the tasks of investigation and scrutinizing legislation under one committee we would take the one, step that is essential if we want committees to have more At the same time, the commit-tee could acquire the knowtee could acquire use ledge and continuing bite and authority which would enable it really to get to grips with iament as: a whole and of all hose who crave for more sta-

would have a particular func-tion in relation to NEDC. In-deed, a way might be found in which NEDC would report to the committee as well as to seriously by the House itself-but here the power to examine legislation, both in pre-legisla-tive and committee stage, would give it an urgency and force that the present select committees hardly have. At the Howe has indicated, there might be a parallel committee to deal with finance and taxa-

whatever me merris of this sort of approach. It is at least highly topical. I hope the idea will be treated very seriously; otherwise we may increasingly see disillusionment with Parliament spread, not so much because of its inability to do its job, but because of its unwillingness to must be prepared to say that the incomes policy buck stops

for Aglesburg.

The bulldozes' threat to ou Roman heritase at Milton Keyles

lies like the threatening shadow The trouble Roman site still unexcavated inhaunting name of mystery from our past. Its position, straddling Warling Street and flanked on one side by the River Owel, has been identified only by the Antonine Innerary. Receat cating that the settlement was far larger than the scheduled area of the ancient monument, which was delineated on the assumed line of defences as interpreted from aerial photo-

For example, Mr Nicholas Farrant in the report of his recent excavations to be published shortly describes the foundations of early timber. Popple, once there are already framed structures at a considerable distance from Watling Street, which evidently form and south of Min and south of the Environment of the Environment of the Environment of the Min and South of recent excavations to be, pub-

son was maintained at Maphvinium, after the edvance to
Wales, and that its fort was
burnt in the Boudiccan molt.
The five or six disches in far
excavated, suggest a first century agreempt to drain the land
as an aid to the establishment of a permanent civilian settlement. An ironstone wall has been found; suggesting a building in later and more proserous times. In short, we probably have a previously unknown Claudian fort at Magiorinium, which would make it a monuwhich would make it s'isonument quite as agnifican to our
national heritage as Ventunore
Towers. Magiovinium could
become a living ercheological
site beside the new town of
Mikun Keynes, which is desperately in search of a historical and cultural identity, and
on whose outsleins the Roman.
military site lies.

The trouble is that archaeo-logical sites, especially unexca-vated ones, are not speciacular items in our national heritage. The Department of the Environment and the Milton Reynes Development Carporation pro-pose to drive enew trunk road within 50 yards of the scheduled ancient monument, and so through land that clearly holds remains of one of the very few untouched Roman towns in the country. The road is known to the planners, by is known to the planners by the unlovely designation of A5 (D). It is in fact a diversion to bring Wating Street closer to the centre of Milton Keynes: an exercise whose prudence is

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burning of these buildings now archaeologists that the Rome have been part of a deliberal site extends for beyond a scheduled area, and will seem advance to Weies and truncated by the trunk road other possibility is that a family son was maintained at Mapo visiting, after the advance for persuaded. But the road on the persuaded is the second of the s The roadmen pressed on the persuaded. But they were his up first of all for six month of the kind under which Man erentually got a cattle-cree stock. Then last summer the At (D) was postponed for one of two years because of the cur in government expending However, it is likely that the buildozers will start cuting through Magiovinium late the year or next year. The Macrion Council has suggested in alternative route for the section sire following one of the cire planned grid roads called the VS. Apart from its archaeological advantages, the VS route is shorter and would save suge of the £23m that the director was going to cost a year age. Mr David Kessler, chairman of the A5 Action Council, sys: adopt our alignment in view of its professed and gamine the environment. We again need a truly independent would put you into the feasibility of re-V3. Otherwise buildozers, in ries and the road lobby wishortly keep for ever the six where Aulus Plautius's legion gloried and drank deep and it their marks on the conqueral and

Philip Howard



One man at least who was not eyeless in China

I am well aware that in some western circles any suggestion that China has not achieved, unique among all civilizations Paradise upon earth is regarded as evidence either of lunacy or malignancy, and in many cases both. As one who has long ago forfeited any claim, from the inhabitants of such circles, on sanity or good faith, by refusing to describe the system of government in Occupied Poland as an exciting experiment in participatory socialist democracy. I am not much concerned, and I imagine that Professor Edward Luttwak, of Johns Hopkins University. whose recent article on China in the American magazine Commentary I was discussing and quoting yesterday (by permission of the editor), is likewise armoured in his wickedness against such criticism. But his srucie, for all that, demands answert to a large number of answers to a large number of questions. For he travelled through China with eyes and ears open and mind slar, and came back with a report that differs sharply from most of the credulous swallowing of everything the Chinese guides tell their visitors. For instance, the thought of the Chinese as colonialist oppressors and exploiters will strike as bizarre or plain mad even many who are willing to entertain the thought that the Soviet Union is in all important respects an imperialist power, and a par-ticularly bad and cruel one, too. But what are we—or rather they—to make of this report by Professor Luttwak?

Unlike the British colonial Unlike the Bridsh colonial rulers, or even the French, the Chinese obviously can see no virtue in the survival of the local cultures, and still less in the survival of local religions. Chinese colonialism is therefore appressive not merely politically but also culturally.

Thus in Tiber it was quite clear that the literacy promoted by that the literacy promoted by the regime was in Chinese and

net in Tibetan; in the surpris-liggly large bookshop we found in Lhasa, all the books were in Chinase, except for the "Little Red Book" of Mau's select quotations. No Tibetan records or posters were to be had, and the use of that ancient written language is now confided to the slogans on the walls and to some serior on the locally produced slogars on the walls and to some script on the locally produced match-boxes. Nor can a Tibeton read any Buddhist texts, for none are available, old or new. The only manifestation of the native culture tolerated by the regime is Tibeton "revolutionary opera", whose texts are literally trenslated from Chinese originals, but whose music is

In Tibet we had seen the gentle and always exceedingly politic Chinese undergo a transformation into classic district-commissions types. Their gestures became visibly more expansive, and their language with our local hosts quite clearly abrupt. Our exorts did not bother to hide their salagars as we were served Tibetan yak-butter tea, and they acted out for us little wordless playlets of ridicule as we toured the alters of the one restored Tantic temple in Lhasa. I asked a Chinese official resident in Tibet since 1960 how to say "please" and "chank you" in Tibetan. He did not know. I asked him to translate "more". "go" and " faster ". He know.

And just as it is easy to for-get, when surveying Soviet colonialism, that it is not confined to the Baltic states and the eastern European nations sub-jugaced during and after the Second World War, but also includes those proud and ancient peoples inside the borders of the Soviet Union ireal, so we should not forget that much the same is true of

Always in theory part of the Chinese empire, but rerely under effective imperal rule. Sinking is inhabited in equal messure by newly settled Chinese and by Turkic peoples, mainly Uighurs, a sedemary

group of some culture, and by Khasaks, more primitive herders Khasaks, more primitive herders and farmers, as well as by Uzbeks and Khurgiz, all Uving alongside smaller minorities of diverse origin. As in Tibet, Chinese rule in the region is in every respect a colonial phenomenon . . but there the locals are not submissive. Tihetan Buddhists. They are Turks—proud, tough, and by no means cowed. The intense friction between Turks and Chinese was clearly manifest even in the very clearly manifest even in the very restricted circle of party cadres with which we came into contact. Fresh from the airport we went to see the Sinkiang Exhibition in the capital of the region, Urumchi, where I miked to an Uighur official of the reception committee in a mixture of Turkish and Arabic—heterating the last two languages. ture of Turkish and Arabic—he-speaking the last two languages far better than I. This rurned out to be my only genuine con-versation with a Chinese citizen during the whole journey in China. The Uighur did not besi-rate to speak, and volunteered illuminating comments on the inevitable official briefing which was being given as we toured

inertable official briefing which was being given as we toured the Exhibition. Several of our escorts repeatedly instructed the Uighur to stop this unauthorized conversation, which they could not monitor. They spoke to him as they would have spoken to a Tibetan, the tones of sharp command coming through even in Chinese. At times Professor Luttwak's report enrages the reader not so much because of what it contains, but because of what it implies about those previous visitors to China who have seen what he has seen and shut their eyes to it. The contrast has

struck him, mo: Perhaps the most transparent of all the simulations of social equality one sees in China is the mock-equality of dress. Almost everybody wears tha standard hoiler-suit, the Mao uniform. But some are made of rough cotton and others of deli-cate gabardine, and still others of good-quality wool. Senior party men would wear their equality in carefully tallored

suits had much more in com-mon with Pierre Cardin than with the blue cotton outfits of ordinary people. And yet in the post 1972 reports of China it is the theme of visible equality that is most insistently advanced.

It is an intellectual mystery It is an intellectual mystery which deserves careful research. After the great warning of the Russian Potentian tours of the 1930s, how could our intellectuals and our journalists—often explicitly mindful of the precedent—fall into the very same trans? When is the properful uses. explicitly minority of the precedent—fail into the very same trap? What is the powerful urge to believe against all reason? I asked myself the question after just having read John Kenneth Galbraith's scholarly explanation of why there are no queues in China and then looking at the very long lines of hopeful Peking shoppers waiting to buy vegetables, I asked myself the question remembering James Reston's enthusiastic articles while I was being given a medical exam in the same hospital where he was operated upon—an exam in which ill-calibrated instruments yielded fautastic, impossible readings. I asked myself the question in heautiful Kweilin, visited by congressional ladies and sundry Senators, none of whom appears to have seen the grinding poverty evident in the thousands of women and old men havessed like animals to carts loaded december 1997. like arimals to carts loaded down with concrete blocks or heavy tanks of night soil.

Professor Luttwak did have, it is true, one advantage desied to many China visitors. Normally, as he explains,

In Peking and Shanghal the visitor is housed in the center of town, and there is none of the physical insulation so visible in Urumoti. Instead it is a very crowded program which normally keeps the visitor from seeing those citles for himself, as they really are: the usual China tour provides for a cease-less sequence of action visits from 8 am to 8 pm. In theory this still leaves the late evening hours open for individual exploration, but even in Peking this free time is of no couse-

or shops to be found, and morestaurants or bars; there is not even street lighting, except for a few major boulevards. Soon after 8 pm the streets are

But in the course of Professor Luttwak's visit Mao died; this meant that all official grammes were cancelled, together, of course, with the planned meetings his group; were expecting to have with government leaders. They were therefore able to see something of Peking other than the care-fully stage-managed tour with its relentlessly crowded time-table. His explorations were revealing:

Immediately we discovered that the broad boulevards through Immediately we discovered that the broad boulevards through which we had driven back and forth and the abopping street near our hotel were utterly different from the rest of the city. Instead of asphalt and concrete, the real Peking was made of beaten earth, mud and sun-dried brick, its people living and working in narrow unpaved alleys lined with low buildings grouped around small courtyards. Inside were homes and workings instead of the near factories of the sour circuit, we saw how much of urban-China-really works, in miserably illequipped shanties. In one, dozens of women crowded the narrow doorway as they sorted out the single twigs of medicinal herbs by hand; snother was a classic sweatshop out of New York in the 1890s, with a roomful of women working elbow to them. rors in the 1830s, with a room-ful of women working elbow to elbow on sewing machines of. aucient design; in still another we saw men making wooden cotton looms with small hand tools—no electricity seemed to be connected at all.

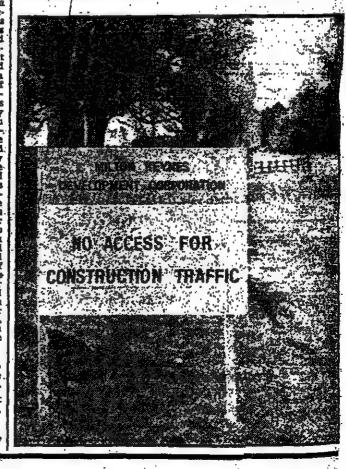
And it is not only working conditions of which the reality contrasts so sharply with the claims made—and believed. It is also living conditions:

The weather was warm, doors CTimes Newspapers Ltd, 1977

and windows were open; in the early evening I passed a typical room, illuminated by a naked 30-watt bulb dangling from the ceiling. About six people were preparing to go to bed; there were two beds in the room and not much space in between. The only other furniture was a decorated trunk-hox, and, a large 1930s-style radio. This was the housing of old Peking subdivided for an expanded population.

The new housing one saw, newly built apartment blocks, seemed to be no less crowded. There no the psial 30-watt bulb would reveal several people in There too the Issual 30-want bulb would reveal several people in each room; the sandard three-room apartment accommodates three separate families. With its unpaved streets, its crowded alleys, and its one-storey buildings, much of Peking is in fact village rather than city, and most of its population lives a miserably poor village life. If the Chinese maintain a prison-camp system for their polyticals as the Russians do, they hardly need it; to be removed from one's post, to lose one's spartment and be forced to live among the ordinary folk, should be punishment enough for any deviationist in the party. We were, of course, never invited home by any of the officials we dealt with. But from the apartment of a diplomast friend one could look directly into an apartment, but, each housed of the maked 30-west bollo of ordinary folk, these apartments were well-lit. More senior cadres have their own small houses with a bit of garden around, but nobody has ever seen how the top echelon lives, for their housing is hidden behind the high walls of the elite residential compounds.

I shall condide on Friday, with an attempt to set out some. of the conclusions Professor Lutrwak's revolutionary report on revolutionaries China inevitably provokes.



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Another angle on support for the arts in Britain

I thought a wall in one of the exhibition rooms at the Royal and that was why they had put the buttress in position. It looked a strange kind of sup-port, though. Solid wood, with black squiggles on one side and a black blob on the other, and with odd bits of metal stuck

Was it ... could it be ... an exh bit? I hardly dared ask. Only 10 minutes earlier, I had stood in front of three wooden boxes with a letter-box slit in their top. There was no exhibit number on them. I beckoned an attendant. He

gave me a frosty look and told me they were not exhibits. They were ballot boxes. Visitors would use them to vote for the exhibit they liked the most and exhibit they liked the most and the winner would get £1,000.

I thanked him and moved off in the direction of the buttress.

True exactly like one—coming f1,000. I am still haunted by that look.

angle and resting, flush, against the wall.

Even when I saw the number

end checked it against the entries in the catalogue—Fortress 1—I was dubious. It took another attendant to convince me that this was, indeed, a fortress, as conceived by Martin Navior

The eyes have it

This game of "Is it, or isn't
it?" has become an integral
part of any Royal Academy
summer exhibitions and you can play it again this year. It may appal the aesthetes but it does create talk, and talk can readily be converted into admission tickers. I do not see what it all has to do with art, but perhaps I have spent too much time looking at works that speak to the beart and ravish the eye Happily, the heart and eye are very well catered for elsewhere in this year's summer show. There is the long, intelligent face of Barbara McComb, whose eyes quietly plead with you to go on taking to her. Her portrait has earned her

And there is another fascinaring lady in the show, this time in resin and naked, fiddling with a non-existent suspender and thrusting her left foot into the room at a dangerous angle. I hope Bernard Sindail's the exhibition ends (it opens to the public on Saturday).

The spring-like standing that bathed the Royal Academy for the process of the public of the Royal Academy for the process of th

bathed the Royal Academy for the press preview yesterday took on tactile form in yet another fascinating lady on show. She is young and rides a bicycle which has spokeless wheels; her legs are swung forward for the sheer joy of it and she is smiling. How appropriate, I thought, that in the room just behind Sydney Burpley's lovely cyclist is a Peter Freeth equating of lines by Lorenzo II Magnifco: Quant è bella, giovinezza, che si lugge

No guesses

I will not even guess which exhibit the visiting public will decide deserves the £1,000 prize. But I think I know the one I would select. It is small bare-walled room. Her hands and you may miss it unless you rest in a basin. That is all, raise your gaze quite high. A apart from the sun and shadows woman sits by a window, in a and a magnificent simplicity.





occult overtones of the rest of the letter, however, displeased me greatly. Dire penalties were implied if I did not follow the instructions, well . . . to the

This so-called "prayer", devised I was informed by "a missionary in Venezuela", went on to warn. A Mr Brandt of cetalogues (five in received the letter, lost it and number) that were officially promotly lost his job. Then he found the letter, sent out 20 peddled at an astonishing copies, and got a better job. £100 the set.

Mr Bereskelli broke the chain because he did not believe in it and three days later he died.

Worse still, a Mr Walsh of the Philippines, won \$775,000 and the day he received the chain letter, but six days later was killed because he did not continue the chain. For no reason must this chain be broken concluded the

reason must this chain be broken." concluded the terrible missive.

Is there no law against this kind of intimidation? Surely the Royal Mail should not be abused in this way. Needless to say, I have not continued the chain. Thus far—several days later—I have not won the pools. Neither have I lost my job.

Now the last bit is fine; a Top people who read this good Biblical sentiment. The newspaper will care to not newspaper will care to not newspaper. Top people was read cas newspaper will care to note that last Thursday, the viewing day at Mentmore for "special guests", 12,000 visitors passed the gates. On Friday, passed the guest. On Friday, Saturday and Standay, when aryone (well, aryone not so special) could visit, the figures were 8,000, 5,000 and 5,000. I noticed that the sets of cardinates (fine in

A PR person with a seductive voice invited me to amend the launching of Dean, a new pop musical which will receive ics première in London in August. What, I wondered, did she mean. Not Dean Acheson, surely? Of course not. Ir had no be a stage version of one of C. P. Snow's novels. "From the French windows, Laura watched through misty eyes as the dean walked out of her life and into solivion."

when the same lany told me that her outlit was looking for a young, unknown actor to recrease the legend. "Hopefully", she added, PR-wise, "he will be keen on speed" what, I did not dare to inquire, if he only liked marijuana? When the penny finally dropped, I realized that she was setting in motion yesterday the search for a new James Dear For the new musical is base on the life of the legenday Hollywood star who was killed in a motor crash at the age if 24 in 1955 (the year after I was born).

Dean is written by the search was a will nw take place in 1975 proposals. So, ext year's conference has just of the charles and compulsive of the search. A conference has just of the duded in Sweden where scientification in the failure of a conference has just of the failure of a conference has just of the failure of a conference has just of the charles of and technology experts discussed the failure of a conference has just of the failure of a conference with part of a conference has just of the failure of a conference what was a conference with a conference has just of the failure of a conference what the failure of a conference what the same of the failure of a conference has just of the failure of a conference what was a conference with a conference has just of the failure of a conference what the same part of

Islamen (John Howless, the author f Dean's biography, and Robert Campbell). The director is to f Robin Hawdon and the show all open on August 25. Actor will also have so be fount to play Sel Mineo, Elic Kazs and Pier Angeli (with who Dean had a brief affair).

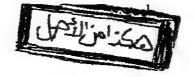
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Is the logical world, a post-mortem follows death. Not it i the world of count tables it oblivion."

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My illusions were shattered i an ominous trend, except
when the same lady told me that aberers and compulsive

4 in 1955 (the year after I posals. So, ear year's confer-ras born).

Dean is written by two Es. 1979.





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THE LOBBY SHOULD GO PUBLIC

THE LOBBY SHOULD to the game those giving briefings are not responsible for what is subsequently published. This enables them to guide the interpretations of journalists without themselves being held to account the subsequently published. lobby system had worked went this occasion. This is the system on whereby briefings are given on the system as an unattribution. whereby orientes are garried what is known as an unattributable basis to journamentary lobby: in other words, the journalists may use the information but may not indicate who gave it to them. Such briefings may be given by Ministers, civil servants or lead-ing members of the other parnies; and all conversations conducted by lobby journalists are on an unattributáble basis unless η(); it is specifically stated otherwise. in this particular instance the briefing in question was given by the Prime Minister's Press

secretary, Mr Tom McCaffrey.

If it were simply a matter of an isolated mistake having been made on this occasion, for whatever reason, that would still be highly regrettable because of the embarrassment and discourtesy to Sir Peter Ramsbotham, But-it would not require any change in procedure. It is quite different, nowever, if the error flowed rom the weakness of the system itself. The case for the lobby arrangements as they operate at present is that they encourage the disclosure of more news about governmental activities than would be likely if all informants, official or otherwise, were always to be named. That is no small advantage in a country where the principle of open government remains no than an ideal on politicians' lips.

The disadvantage of the system is that it facilitates news management and permits mis-

tentions which can then be denied if the public response is unfavourable. Moreover, by these arrangements journalists are not permitted to quote directly -which can lead, as it has done in this instance, to dispute as

to what was actually said.

To conclude from this that the lobby system should be swept away would be facile. The public would know much less about the process of government and the calculations of politicians if it were. But there is a case for changing some of the basic assumptions. As a general rule, the business of the Government should be transacted publicly. There is no reason why a good many briefings now given mattributably to the lobby should not be on the record. That applies to most routine briefings and to nearly all briefings by information officers, The exceptions should be matters concerned with defence and with -relations between our own and any other government. If briefings on such subjects could not be given unattributably they would often not be given at all.

This would still enable Ministers and officials other than information officers to give unattributable briefings any subject when they considered this necessary—though it is to be hoped that Ministers in particular would be prepared to speak to the lobby on the record much more frequently than they do

who can only afford bread, Basic

food and fuel prices have risen

more in the past few years than the prices of alcohol, tobacco and household durables. As a

result the poor have suffered an

effectively slightly higher rate of

inflation than others. In addition, inflation means that people

with smaller and smaller real

incomes are brought within the

income tax bracket; Mr Healey's budgets have fallen far short of

cancelling this factor out. Differential inflation is a minor

source of injustice compared to

the tendency of taxation and social security together to trap

families in poverty. Part of the

answer is to raise tax thresholds,

but higher child benefits also

continue to hold private conversations on an unattributable basis. This is not an arrangement confined to lobby

journalists, or indeed confined to Britain. There are background or unattributable briefings and conversations the world over. Without such a device Ministers could not disclose the trend of their thinking in advance, disagreements between Ministers and departments would never be revealed and many an abuse of government would not come to light. Time and again the disclosure of injustice or incompetence depends on confidential information from many different levels of the government machine. Yet civil servants would be muzzled if they knew that every time they spoke to a journalist their names were likely to appear in a newspaper. In the attempt to ensure that the sources of information should not be tainted it would be foolish to take measures that dried them up altogether.

It is the balance that needs to be changed. There should be the presumption in all collective lobby briefings that the proceedings should be on the record unless there is an overriding reason to the contrary. If this means, because of parliamentary protocol over timing, that what is said at certain lobby briefings would have to be embargoed until a specified time then so be it. That should not present much difficulty. But it would be better if more statements of official intentions were made by Ministers and their spokesmen in their own words, which could then be examined and challenged, rather than filtered through the medium of journalistic interpretation.

light of the Low Pay Unit's estimate that inflation for a poor household has been 77.8 per cent since Labour came to power, compared to 73.2 per cent for the rest. Basic supplementary benefits paid to a married couple have risen 77.2 per cent in the same period, and pensions, thanks to Mr Jack

Jones, by 96 per cent. Workers earning about twice the industrial average four years ago are quite often receiving in real terms after tax twenty or thirty per cent less today. Those on managerial or professional salaries have generally suffered far worse. Even if the problem of tax thresholds had been better handled it is unlikely that any public policy in the past two years could have saved low earners from sharing in the almost universal decline in real incomes, any more than it will

The Human Rights Commis-

sion is quite active in respect of

South Africa. Chile and some

other countries which its mem-bership agree are inhumanely

oppressive regimes. For the Human Rights Commission to

live up to its title by a strong

resolution, white men have to

torment and debase black men

or right wing secret police have to maltreat liberals or leftists;

no other "abrogation of Human

Rights" seems to produce any

In short, the Human Rights

Commission has little or nothing

to do with rights, justice or

human concience. It is, or has

become, a political and propa-

ganda body. It makes a mockery

of human rights, as solemnly

written into international con-

ventions. Such rights in the

Ugandan context prove to be not

only non-justiciable; the antics

of the Human Rights Com-mission prove them bogus even on paper. For any deter-

rent it is still better to turn

to the organs of public opinion than to rely on governments. But what matters now is getting rid

of Amin and restoring the rule

of law to Uganda. In the past,

African society had means of

sometimes "de-stooling" oppres-

sive rulers. It has to find

modern equivalents to this

system. A further six years of

Amin, comfortably sustained in

Uganda by a combination of

savagery and imported sophisticated security methods,

might set a grim pattern for

Africa's future.

protest.

which helped the lame ducks in Fleet Street; when paper rationing ended, other papers leapt ahead while the News Chronicle lost readers. Yet the irrational belief retained its hold. be able to control them in future if wage inflation gets out of hand again.

retained its hold.

There was a generol feeling that, come what may, Mr Cadbury would keep the paper give because, at the very least, he owed his employees a living. When the end came, I guess he had had enough: he was in his sevenies. He must be seving on for pingur now and living. Yours respectfully,

PRANK D. BARBER. 36 Alfriston Road, SWIL

From Mr J. E. Green Sir, I found it most gratifying that Mr L. J. Cadbury (letter, May 10) found the time to analyse the cir-culation figures of respective newspapers after the mergers between the News Chronicle and the Daily Mail and The Star and Evening News. I also assume that he was

tion paid to individuals for many years of loyal service was a mere pittance. I also think he gives a generally misleading impression when he states that the payment of compensation went through

successfully.

I personally waited more than two years for mine, and when it arrived it was a cheque for £32 as a reward for 10 years (including two years national service) loyal service as a cierical assistant. I also know of two former colleagues who had 15 years and 17 years service, and who received under £70 each.

must assume neither did a management of the Daily News. Yours faithfully,

J. E. GREEN. 10 Anglesey Close, Crawley, West Sussex.

From Mr Alex Faulkner Sir, Explaining how the slurs on Sir Peter Ramsborbam got into

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Decline and fall of 'News Chronicle'

From Mr Frank D. Barber Sir, As the one member of the News Chronicle staff who made the attempt to save the paper three years before it finally expired, may I say something about the circum-stances leading up to end in 1960? It seems to me they have some relevance to our problems today.

Mr Laurence Cadbury has been persistently accused of killing off a much-respected newspaper through cynicism or incompetence, or hotly, In fact, he made a number of attempts over the years to restore the paper's fortunes; they failed for a variety of reasons but chiefly, I believe, because the efforts were not pushed through with the consistency and uncompromising determination that was necessary.

My own proposals included the

suggestion that the News Chronicle should be placed under the absolute should be placed under the absolute control of one of the vounger mem-bers of the Cadbury family, who would be prepared to live with the paper 24 hours a day. I also suggested that the Daily News hold-ing company should establish a small research and education team management and the work force, of the new technology that was about to hit the industry.

It seemed to me that manage-ment had too little understanding and awareness of the anxieties generated among employees when new methods were talked about. It foresaw a 10-year process of dis-cussion and education before management and the work force could be expected to understand each other sufficiently well for changes to be introduced without disruption,

disruption.

Both these suggestions were finally turned down by the Cadbury family. I believe that by doing so they displayed timidity and short-sightedness. At the time I was dismayed and angry. Since then, however, we have seen other tycoons of Ficet Street either lose their rappers or bring them to the brink.

They have, though, escaped the peculiar bitterness that has been directed at Mr Cadbury for 17 years. There seems to be something here that requires explanation, and I do not believe it is provided by the absence of a contributory pension scheme or the size of the compensation paid to staff. After all, other newspapers at that time did not have contributory pension schemes; and as for the compensation. Mr Cadbury for the compensation, Mr Cadbury turned over the money be received for the paper's title and goodwill. I do not see what more could have

been expected.
The sense of grievance that still persists among some former mem-bers of staff seems to derive from a belief that Mr Cadbury had no right to fid himself of a property which had defied his attempts to make it viable. On the Sunday afternoon before the announcement of the merger with the Daily Mail I attended a federated house chapel meeting, at which the Imperial Father said: "But Mr Cadbury would never close down the News Chronicle." This was only the last incredulous echo of a belief that

against all the evidence.

The News Chronicle had been dying for some 20 years. It was saved by the Second World War,

be getting on for ninety now, and suggest he's entitled to a respite from the persistent bitterness.

There is a final point: the News Chronicle may be dead, but its spirit lives on The whole dawn country seems to be infected by the belief that the world owes it a

personally involved in calculating how to divide the £21m between the 3,000 staff of the Daily News Limited.

I think the amount of compensa-

I can confirm also that there was a great deal of anger and resentment from many of the ex-employees of the Daily News Limited for the way in which they were treated. It is also true that we did not fully understand the economics of Fleet Street and I

Press partiality From Mr lan Harvey

Sir, After reading your report on Sir Harold Wilson's statements about the press I commend to you and your colleagues as a riposte the ouip to the Republicans by that witry American politician, the late Adlai Stevenson, "If you will stop telling lies about us we will stop telling the truth about you".

Yours faithfully, IAN HARVEY, 28A Star Street, W2.

Labour and the banks

From Mr George MeWatters Sir, Mr Norman Atkinson's letter (May 10) concerning the Labour Party and bank not one leading raises many interesting points especially the inadequate political thought that the Conservative Party has given to industrial policy. Some of the reasons stated by Mr Atkinson for bonk nationalization would disappear if the Conservative Party would take a more realistic view of some of the problems that some industries now face.

I maintain that a body like the National Enterprise Board ought to be in continuing Etistence tinence emergency situations in well-established industries and husinesses. Undoubtedly a political mistake was mode in allowing Rolls-Rover to go into the hands of the receivers. There are many sectors of industry today that are vital to the wellbeing of the country that cannot obtain funds from accepted financial sources and Mr Atkinson, in his letter adequately spells them

out.
The Conservative Party, come what may, when elected are going to have to live with government intervention in industry if they wish to keep certain sectors alive and thriving. It is indeed sad that some Conservative Members of Par-liament say that industries like shipbuilding, accospace, motor manufac-ture, tenning and footwear manu-facture, etc. etc, should disappear because ther cannot perform according to tradizional standards of

profitability.
These members should realize that industry performs under con-ditions which the government creates and if we find that ducks become lame it is well to remember that the tin tacks upon which they have trod have been provided by the government.

I believe that the bank nationaliza-tion plank in the Labour Party

platform could disappear immediately if the Conservative Party had hard rethink on how, in the future, certain industries (who have difficulty in obtaining their funds from normal City channels) should be financed.

Yours sincerely GEORGE McWATTERS, 17 Chester Terrace, Regent's Park, NW1. May 10.

From Mr H G. Put

Sir, Mr Atkinson, the Treasurer of the Labour Party, wanders " if the heals put political leafters on their henis put political leaflers on their bank counters, why not Labour leaf-lets in post offices, or hus conduc-turs giving out leaflets to their passengers?" The enswer is simple: the banks are private com-ponies entitled to spend their monies as they will. If their share-holders don't like their policies they can make a fuss or more their essets holders don't like their policies they can make a fust or move their assets to the Polit Office Savings Bank. The Post Office is a public utility in whose ownership I have just as large a stoke as does Mr Atkinson. I see no reason why it should represent his political views rather than mine simply because his party is temporarily in charge of nottenment. (As to bus conductors, if Mr Atkinson could bring himself to step out of London and into the twentieth century he would find that we, don't have conductors on our buses now.)

Worcester College,

Oxford.

Washington Ambassador From Sir John Wruight

Sir. In all the correspondence I have seen so far about Peter Jay's appointment to Washington, little has been said-except for the shameful and unwarranted asper-sions on Sir Peter Ramsbotham's mission—about the Diplomatic Service itself.

As I am sure you will agree. Her Malesty's Diplomatic Service is one of the best, if not the best, in the world. It is efficient, versatile and devoted. It has produced some brilliant and outstanding ambassa-dors—often with widely differing styles of operation—among them the three noble lords whose letters you published last Saturday. The Service is used, from time to time. to accepting political appointees a heads of mission in certain sensi-tive top posts, where the Poreign Secretary considers that the needs of the moment require someone who has special connexions with the party in power or whose temperaparty in power or whose tempera-ment is more in keeping with his own, or who has some other attributes not thought to be held by any career members who are then available. While the Service may privately disagree, it loyelly accepts these appointments (despite the effect on its morale) aud—if proven ability and are seen to have achieved an eminent position in their own sphere in public life does so generally without question. ln many cases these non-career heads of mission perform the functions for which they were par-ticularly chosen, with success and distinction, cometimes exceedingly well. But do not let us kid ourselves that they all act as complete ambassadors in every sense of the

Almost any intelligent person of any standing can "be" an ambas-sador, just as almost any counsellor in the Diplomatic Service can "be" the Editor of The Times. In both cases there will normally be a good supporting staff to help carry the incombent. But today, to do the job fully in all its aspects one needs a good many additional qualities, ralents and abilities, many of which are normally acquired only with long diplomatic training and experience (wives too) in a variety of posts in many parts of the world, gained often in difficult conditions, sometimes in dangerous ones.

Leaving aside language and other specialist skills, let me give just one general example—the perceptiveness and "feel" in intricate negotiations which come in large part at least from dealing with a wide range of different regimes, dif-ferent nationalizies, different men-talizies, with a diversity of subjects, and in many differing circumscances.

As most people know, among his other rasks an ambassador must project Britain and promote and defend British interests. He must combat, and try to balance, the flow of depressing news about his country published in much of his own media; argue effectively that Britain is by no means "finished"; persuade his host country that Britain is a worthwhile partner to do business with and to invest in. He must advance lovally, and explain con-vincingly. British policies, even those with which he privately may not agree. In all this a career diplomat, anart from the practice and experience he has gained over the years will, sometimes have an advantage over a non-career one in that he will not be hampered by any published writings of his own which have argued sincerely against some of the very policies he has now officially to promote

This is not to say that a noncareer appointment may not prove to be best in a particular post at certain times. But do nor let us underestimate the wide range of first class talent and experience that we have available in our own excellent Dinlomatic Service. Yours faithfully. JOHN WRAIGHT, 25 Jameson Street, W8.

circulation, Mr Louis Beren implies (May 14) that this sort of thing could not happen in the United States, "accustomed to open and recorded press briefing". He expresses the hope that when Mr Jay does go to Washington he will

to step out of London and into the

If Mr Atkinson is confident that we need a state bank could be not nersuade his collectues to flort one in competition with the private banks? It would be interesting to see how much capital is attracted. Yours faithfully, H. G. PITT.

May 10.

"report to Downing Street how a free country runs its press briefings '

As a former British correspondent that country, I found this ciew of the various ways in which information is conveyed to the media there quite puzzling. Mr Heren, a veteran Washington correspondent himself, certainly knows as much as anyone about this, so I cannot believe that he meant to suggest that the sole channel of communication between government and reporters is the open, recorded press

American officials, as we all know. are masters of the calculated leak, briefings " on the record", " off the record ", and " for deep background only", to say nothing of such theatrical ploys as the clandestine meetings in an underground galage between Deep Throat and Eob Woodward, co-author of All the

President's Men.
1s the Lobby system so very different from all this? We too have open press conferences and all the gradations, and the nonsttributable nature of information given to Lobby correspondents does not differ in any way from what the Americans classify as "non-attributable". Mr Heren himself must have been the recipient of countless confidences, both in England and in the United States, which for various reasons be could not credit to their source, but which

Sir Harry Boyne, a former officer of the Parliamentary Lobby Journalists, has described this organization as "a well-nigh indispensable facility" for both journalists and politicians, and less formalized ways of communicating exist not only outside Parliament itself, but in industry and in many other fields.

I must confess that I do not see anything "Kafkaesque" or sinister about it, but perhaps Mr Heren really did not mean that, and was simply and very properly directing his wrath against a palpable misuse of the system. I just hope his ex-colleague will not take his advice when he arrives in the world's leakiest capital. Yours faithfully,

ALEX FAULKNER, 44 Palace Gardens Terrace, W8. May 14.

From Mr Ronald Howell Sir, You have convinced me. Mr Jay should stay behind and run the country and Mr Callaghan should go to Washington. Yours truly.
RONALD HOWELL, 35 Rollscourt Avenue, SE24. May 16.

From Mrs M. A. Robertson Sir, We have heard much praise of both the Peters in question. Would it not be to their interest to let the matter peter out now? Yours sincerely, MARGARET ROBERTSON, 37 Madingley Road, Cambridge. May 16.

Canterbury and Rome

From Canon John Drury Sir, Sister Catherine Appleby (May 11) has overdrawn her contrast between the unanimity of the Roman Catholic Church (and the Free Churches) on "fundamental issues", and the "broad spectrum of belief" in the Church of England. As an Anglican I know she is right about us and do not regret it. But I cannot believeimpertinent though it may seemthat she is right about her own church. The Roman Catholics known to me have various, and sometimes conflicting, views on such fundamental matters as the nature of authority in the church and the ethics of sex and contraception. Nor can it have escaped anyone living in Norfolk that there are differences over the Eucharist. Moreover, in Karl Rahner the Roman Church has a theologian of great distinction who repeatedly defends pluralism within that church: and I don't believe that he is talking about nothing of fundamental consequence. Yours faithfully, JOHN DRURY.

26 The Close,

Norwich,

Highest rates of income tax

From Mr John W. Pardoe, MP for North Cornwall (Liberal)

Sir. The argument for reducing top rates of income tax is now fairly generally accepted. The general re-duction in these rates will have to await an overall reform of the tax system and the introduction of a

nealth rax A small start, however, could have been made this year by providing in the Finance Bill that no one should pay more than 50 per cent

of his earned income in tax. In the House of Commons un Tuesda: May 10 I moved a Liberal amendment to this effect. For some extraordinary reason the official Conservative Opposition refused to support me. Why?

Yours faithfully JOHN W. PARDOE, House of Commons. May 11.

Mr Benn's background

From Mr Norman Lamont, MP for Kingston upon Thames (Conservatives.

Sir, Like, I am sure, most of your readers. I found Mr Anthony Wedgwood-Benn's account of his fariner's life (May 7) and beliefs

wengwoon-Benn's account of mis-fainer's life (May 7) and beliefs most interesting.

There were, however, a number of puzzling points. In discussing his father's elevation to the peerage, Mr Benn stated that:

It had to be a hereditary peerage, since life peerages did not then exist." But a hereditary peer-age need not have entailed more than a mere believe, His father was created a Viscount. Then, although we are told that his grand-father, John Benn, went to school in his mother's boots, there is no mention of his public services being rewarded with a Baronetcy in 1914. No doubt Mr Benn is devloying the same filial modesty which led him to renounce his title and seek a humbler station.

him to renounce his title and seek a humbler station.

But these are minor points. It is certainly to be hoped that Mr Wedgwood-Benn will produce further articles on the politics of his Commoner forefathers, starting perhaps with his uncle. Ernest Benn, the distinguished businessman and industrialize.

industrialist.
Sir Ernest Benn's works, such us The Conjessions of a Capitalist, or The State the Enemy will surely commend themselves to his nephew. who might find the following quotation from Conjessions particularly apropos.
"I am an unrepentant believer

in private enterprise. I have failed to discover, in a long and diligent search, any material benefit which has ever reached mankind except through the agency of individual enterprise. I therefore regard the whole movement for creating wealth by political agencies as a snare and a delusion. For these reasons I see no essential difference between the Bolshevik of Russia and the numerous types of modernia Socialist . . . I am reminded of two murderers who filled a good many newspaper columns a year or so ago. . . Both directed their atten-tions to the same victim. The method of the one was to administer small doses of ground glass. The other adopted the more straightforward and direct method of the dagger. The moderate Socialist is the groundglass oracilitioner; the Communist uses the dagger. But in so far as they are both bent upon the abolition of private enterprise, they are both murdering the chances of the human race to reach a higher standard of material comfort." (Conjessions, 1948 ed. p 19.)
A hiography of Sir Ernest Benn's
beliefs would certainly be a tract
for our times.

NORMAN LAMONT. House of Commons, May 11.

Yours faithfully

Cost of social services From Mr J. K. Owens

Sir, I would agree with many of Sir, I would agree with many of the points made by Terry Bamford in his article "Getting value for money out of the Social Services" (May 10). In recent years public expectations of social services and the demands made by new legislation have greatly increased. The current contraints on expenditure, and presidents on the demands of the current contraints on expenditure. and particularly on new develop-ment, mean that local authorities and voluntary bodies have to make extremely difficult judgments on

the allocation of resources,
Mr Bamford notes, and in my
view quite correctly, that many of
the tasks discharged by social
workers could be performed
equally well by ancillaries or volunteers. However, it would be quite wrong for local authorities to think about this important reallocation of tasks without consideration of its economic implication.
Whilst the deployment of volun-

teers has many advantages for clients and volunteers alike, the careful selection, training and back-up require both resources and staff time. The use of volunteers can be cost effective and allow a good deal of preventive work to take place, but requires funds to be committed over a period of time for effective development. Yours faithfully,

K. OWENS, Director, National Council of Social 26 Bedford Square, WC1.

Mill workers' clogs From Mr J. O. Timson

May 10.

Sir, the leading paragraph of Patricia Tisdall's article "Industrial Cleaning" (May 11) states that the old fashioned Mrs Mopp "is as out of date as clogs in a Lancashire

How out of touch can a reporter be? In my mill in Lancaster many operatives still wear clogs as the most sensible form of footwear; and not clogs with socks but clogs with foot swaddling cloths to boot! This is by no means peculiar to my mill; clogs are still widely worn throughout Lancashire. Yours faithfully, JOHN TIMSON,

Laksefoss, Meal Bank, Near Kendal, Westmorland. May 12.

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understanding. By the rules of now. Looby journalists would WE ARE ALL OF US POORER NOW It was a fundamental condition cake remains relatively stable.

of the trade union movement's that is small consolation to those acceptance of pay controls two who can only afford bread. Basic years ago that the poor should be safeguarded. The redistributive tendency of phases one and two has already strained the allegiance of skilled workers whose differentials have shrunk. But the Low Pay Unit's evidence to the Royal Commission on Wealth yesterday argues that inflation has nevertheless affected the badly-off more severely than other workers. It is evidence apt for use by opponents of formal or informal yage restraint as proof that the ocial contract has been a sham,

real lessons are very different The unit points out that the have a role to play.

The Government's effort to verall rate of inflation conceals the fact that the goods one must safeguard the worst off by main-buy have increased in price taining the real value of social ather more rapidly than the security payments, itself a part goods one may buy if one has of the bargain with the TUC, is noney to spare. If the price of now made to look a sham in the

rom the Archbishop to his own

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rom Mr Michael Rubinstein

filled, presides over a growing

although the Low Pay Unit does

not draw this conclusion and the

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SHIRKS ITS JOB cowed, its intellectual cadre lestroyed or dispersed. The embers of revolt certainly burn in many hearts but the response to such a terror is always better self-effacement.

ot balt the slaughter. Every-ody knows this, and has known for six years. Nobody knows ow many have died. There The other reason is that Communist—mainly Russian and Czech—training of the secret police has enable them to omes a point at which numbers operate with greater selectivity ail to register on the mind. It and refinement of methods. Because the death rate has fal-len, it does not mean that the tatistical enormity that pro-luces horror. It is detail rather agony which rises like a miasma from the camps and prisons of

nternational Commission of urists calculate, on the best Uganda has much abated. Ail this has gone on almost vidence they have been able to in public, for Uganda is not beollect and sift, that since leneral Amin seized power in hind the Iron Curtain. African frontiers cannot be sealed effi-971, about 100,000 men, women ciently. The Organisation of African Unity ignores the matnd children have been laughtered by his army and courity organization. Two of ter. President Amin presided in his turn over the OAU summit. The African states protect him ributing to that evidence, greed that in the first three from criticism in the United Nations. The International Commission of Jurists in February put their findings on Uganda before the United Nations pproximated 80,000. In recent years, the Com-nission thinks, the scale of Human Rights Commission meetiolence has diminished under ing in Geneva under the chair-manship of Mr Aleksander ic influence of the worldwide ublicity which the reports of Bozovic, but without engendering min's regime by refugees from ganda have received in the any reactions. This was a repetition of United Nations inress. If this is really so, only difference to the massacres, not ood can come of giving the I's report, published in eneva yesterday, the fullest less horrible or numerous, though less publicized, which occurred in Burundi. (Indeed, entilation and discussion. How-United Nations agencies in ver, to some extent there must Burundi were accused of coe less need for Amin to keep

operating with President Micombero.)

obscenity or indecency what others enjoy.
David Holbrook suggests that "The critics have banded together to try to make it seem that nothing April 30) of the leck of "a tre-endous debate" on the performis obscene" and have come now to believe "their own misrepresentations"-a deliberate and successful, but incredible, conspiracy on the part of "the critics" to br. nwash themselves! He cannot be serious in telling us that (the are mine) "The emphases are mine) The effect on the intelligent sixth former and student has been to make it seem to them that there can be no. discrimination in the field of cul-

ture and the arts". A lively series of discussions on censorship and the arts and censor-ship and the media has been conire "but who would not necessarily ish to suppress on grounds of ducted in recent weeks and is continning on Thursday evenings, at the

ICA under the joint auspices of the ICA and the DLAS. These informal debates have not been held "behind closed doors". They have had the advantage of serious contributions from eminent panel members and a wide cross-section of the concerned public, ranging from those who would favour more censorship than the law, in its uncertain way, pro-vides at present to those who believe that all forms of censorship could and should be abolished. David Holbrook accuses others of main-taining "a sheepish silence". He cannot be listening. MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN.

Deputy Chairman, Defence of Literature and the

Arts Society, 5 & 6 Raymond Buildings,

Grays Inn, WC1.

Forthcoming

The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced between Donald, only son of the

hetween Donald, only son of the late Mr D. J. Richardson and of Mrs J. Galilo, hunr, of Santa Paula, California, and Angela Heather Neal, of 2364 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, only saughter of the late Mr and Mrs C. A. Neal, of Ashtead, Surrey. The marriage will take place on July 9 in Santa Paula.

Lord Coronwy-Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was host at a function in honour of the Australian High Commissioner and Mrs Freeth at 1 Canton Gardens,

Mr Patrick Wall, MP, treasurer of the British group, Inter-Parliamen-tary Union, was host at a luncheon given by the executive committee at the House of Commons rester-day in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Costa Rica led by Dr Carlos Vincente Castro.

Members of the political council of the Junior Cartion Club entertained Mr John Biffen, MP, at dimer last night. Mr Cyril Norton, chairman of the political council, presided.

United and Cecil Club
The United and Cecil Club held a
dianer at the House of Commons
last night. The guest of honour
was the High Commissioner for
Canada, and Mr Dudley Smith.
AIP, presided.

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Dinners

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marriages.

Instead of the Trees A Final Chapter of Autobiography

R.K. Narayan

The Painter of Signs

Paul Scott

Staying on

Richard Cordon

The Invisible Victory

Patricia Highsmith

Edith's Diary

Wilbur Smith

A Sparrow Falls



By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

10-day auction of the contents of



COURT CIRCULAR

May 17: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Glasgow Central Station in the Royal Train Central Stands in the Notal Train this morning for the Silver Jubilee Visit to Scotland and were received by Her Majosty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr David Hodge, the Right Hon the Lard Provost).

A Royal Salute has fired by 207 Light Air Defence Battery. Royal Arbilery (Volunteers), under the command of Captain Rodger Jamieson, from Custom House Quay.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh left the Railway Station for Glasgow Cathedral in a Carriage Procession escorted by the Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavairy, under the command of Major Seymour Gühart-Denham, The Life Guards.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended the Silver Jubitee Thanksgiving Service in Glasgow Cathedral conducted by Glasgow Camedral Conducted by the Minister (the Reverend Dr William Morris) with the Modera-tor of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (the Right Reversal Dr Thomas Torrance).

Captain Alexander and the Hon-ilrs Ramsay of Mar were present. A Detachment of The Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland (Royal Company of Archers), with the Colours of the Company, was on

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Bartalion Scots Guards, with the State Colour, the Band of the Regiment and the Pipes and Drums of the Battalion, under the com-mand of Major Michael Nurton, was mounted in Cathedral Square.

After the Thanksgiving Service. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness left in a Carriage Procession for George Square and then malked to the City Chambers, where The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glaszow (Mr David Hodge, the Right Hon the Lord Provost) with her presence at luncheon with her presence at luncheou

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Bartallyn, The Royal Highland Fusible's (Princess Margaret's Owa Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiments. with The Queen's Colour and the Bond. Pipes and Drums of the Battslion, under the command of Maitr Patrick Channer, was mounted in the Square.

This afternoon, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were present at a Charite Football Match between the Glesgow Football Association Select and the Football League at Hampden Park. The Queen and The Duke of

Ediaburch then visited the Exhi-hition " 25 Glorious Years" at the Museums and Art Galleries, Kelvin-

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, i'ds evening honoured with her presence a Royal Variew Performance at King's Theatre in ald of The Queen's Silver Jublice Appeal and later reloined the Royal Train.

The Richt Hon Bruce Millan. MP (Secretary of State for Scot-land), the Countess of Airlic, Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charterls, Sir Philip

Moore, Mr Robert Fellowes. Mrs Michael Wall and Lieutenam-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this morning, in the Isles of Scilly, opened the St Mary's Primary School, visited St Mary's Hospital and was entertained at luncheon by the Council of the Isles of Scilly in Confermation.

Godo'nhia Hotel. This afternoon, His Royal High-ress visited the St Mary's Lifeboat House, Ampney Crucis, Circicester, Gloucestershire, and Eliza cester, Gloucestershire, and Enza-berh Ann, younger daughter of Mr Robert Ducas, of Saratoga Springs, New York, and Mrt Jean Ducas, of Quaker Hill, Pawling, New York, The marriage will take place in the United States. Station, respelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Fugut to Appledore, and at Newquay Shipyard named and launched the Scillonia III,

The Prince of Wales this evening steed Exment's Comprehensive Mr T. P. H. Dixon and Miss B. J. Pritchard School and presented awards to the schools involved in the inter-schools Silver Jubilee Sports The engagement is amounced between Pleter, elder son of Ma and Mrs R. S. Dixon, of Heriford,

Meeting.

His Royal Highness Liter, at
Kelly College, Tavistock, unveiled Herifordshire, and Barbira, only daughter of Mrs J. Pritchard and the late Mr W. Pritchard, of a commemorative stone to the Centenary of the College and then joined the Royal Train. ard Miss J. E. Andrew

The Ben Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Russey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. The engagement is aunounced between lan, second son of Group Captain and Mrs J. R. Maclachlan, of The Old Rectory, Thimarsh. Pangbourne. Berkshire, and Jacqueline, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs F. A. Andrew, of Goringon-Thames, Oxfordshire.

KENSINGTON PALACE May 17: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, on behalf of The Princess Arne, Mrs Mark Philips, President of the Save the Children Fund, was present at The Night of Fund, was present at The hight of a Million Jouets. a Jewelry Fortion Show in aid of the Fund at the Mansion House. Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor. Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

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May 17: The Duchess of Kent
this morning opened the Huddersfield Polytechnic and later
watched a display by young people
at the Huddersfield Sports Centre.
Her Royal Highness subsequently
strended a Gala Evening at Eastley
Variety Club in support of The
Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal.
Her Royal Highness, who
travelled in an aircraft of The
Queen's Flight, was attended by
Miss Jane Pugh.

Princess Margarer will take the salute at Boating Retreat by the bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund on May 31.

Princess Alice Duchess of Glou-cester will attend the Aldershot Hurse Show on May 27. The Duchess of Kent, as Honorary Colonel, will present colours to the 2nd and 3rd Battalions. The Yorkshire Volunteers, in York on

Princess Alexandra will visit the Royal Bonanic Gardens, Kew, for a children's day, arranged for local junior schools in celebration of the Queen's silver jubilee. on May 27.

Princess Alexandra will be present at Alexandra Park for the jubilee firework display on June 9. A memorial service for Sir Peter Kirk. MP. will be held at St Margaret's. Westminster, at noon

Lady Warmington wishes to be known in future as Sheila Lady Douglas-Pennant, her

Birthdays today

DIFINGRYS FOGRY
Air Rodney Ackland. 69: Dame
Alargus Fonteyn de Arias, 58; Sir
Norman Costar. 68; Sir Chtford
Curzon, 70: Lord Hartwell. 66;
Mr Norman Hepple. 69: Sir
Hurbert Mircham, 71: MajorGeneral Lewis Pugh, 70: the Earl
of Rossivn. 60; Mr Norman St
John-Stevas, MP, 48; Lord Schon,
63; Sir Ben Bowen Thomas, 78;
Mr Charles Wintour, 60.

Mentmore sale begins today

University news **Driord**

Appointments, awards and elections: Insider in English Recoture: C. L. Jones, MA, tollow of Mandalen Coli: Jeaniter Der, St anna spruing Jecusett, Illias R.
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Bishops discuss

discrimination

in E Germany

complaints of discrimination against Christians in education

cases of outright discrimination

have been checked and gener-ally dealt with", the Right Rev Albrecht Shoenherr said in predontal matemats: N. Crawford, BSc.

Rescuing the RNLI: Mr Keith Bower, of Torbay, the first gold medallist for 10 years, was chaired by crew mates, who won bronze medals, at the Royal National Life-boat Institution's presentation of awards at the Festival Hall, London, yesterday.

As acting coxswain Mr Bower lead the rescue of 10 of the crew of a motor vessel in a storm last December. More than 20 other medals for gallantry were presented by Major-General Ralph Farrant, chairman of the RNLI, who announced that oil and shipping firms were

Latest wills

Residue for charities

dealer ... £165,116 Glover, Mrs Margaret Sarah, of Crowborough, Sussex ...£126,804 Goodall, Mr Sidney Reginald, of Brailsford, Derbyshire, intestate

Languree, Mr John William, of Woking ... £105,792 Llewellyn, Mr Charles Thomas, of

Lowe. Mr Leslie Hawkins, of Trysull. Wolverhampton 5139,488
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Peart, Mr Frederick Heaton, of Hythe, Keot, intestate 5133,361
Seldon, Mrs Doris Ellen, of Clacton-on-Sea 5105,428
Thomas, Mr John Millward, of Shrewsbury 5116,875

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236.100 from World Health Organiza-tion to Or J. H. Marsion: ectopic drums development and consequences of accretated tubal transport to the thesia

Fish farming 'unlikely to produce cheap trout' Are Harold Stanley Richells, of Eastbourne, left : £134,237 net. After various bequests, he left the residue equally among the Editish Heart Foundation, Imperial Caucer Research Fund, and National Society for Cancer Relief. had sold because they had been made cheap, the ministry said. Fish farming would depend for survival on high prices. "Trout has never been a cheap fish", the ministry scientists said yesterday. "The price at which it sells has risen considerably in two years. Profitability should remain high." By Our Agricultural Correspondent

effective service.

Fish farmers' hopes of reglacitte dwindling supplies of cod with trout were dashed by government scientists yesterday. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said: "The product is likely to to the popular species of fish and all but the more expensive cuts

It was the second official report

Church news

New Archdeacon of Coventry

The Ven Peter Bridges, Archdeacon of Southend and director of the Chelmsford Diocesan Development and Research unit, has been appointed Archdeacon of Coventry, where he succeeds the Ven Eric Buchan, who retires ou June 30 and becomes archdeacon emerities.

Retirements Canon E. Abon. Vicar of Langeliffe with Statesforth, docume of Brackers. Divorced of Waterster inn Rev S. T. Purcel, Vizar of Sunday: Canon N. Penter. Vizar of Sunday: Canon N. Penter. Vizar of Christ Church. Malvers: the New P. C. Powynas. Nector of Abberton with Subsampton: Canon with Tollading Mechanics St. Samelees and Moreover: tip Rev A. G. R. Whiteley: Rector of Greek and Little Wilder: Canon M. Dean, Vicar and Ruppi Dean of Bromsgrover: Canon J. S. Billings, Vicaro Stoulien with Drakes Broughton and Piron.

being asked for cash to keep the lifeboat

He said that only three boats were ordered last year compared with 11 launched. "In the long run such a number of new boats in a year would be insufficient to maintain a fully

We are therefore looking to new sources of

income to increase our revenue."

Talks with firms using coastal waters were already producing results and large contributions had been promised.

in little more than a year to say that high costs of fish would discourage high sales. The first report resulted from a study of fish distribution by the Price Commission in April last year.

market value.

Farmed turbot was to be sold soon, but that was a highly priced species with a limited market.

"The commercial future for the farming of marine species relies on the small-scale production of speciallry fish, probably turbot, which fetch a high price on the market", the scientists said.

"The facts conflict with notions that farmed fish might become an important supplement to, or in some way substitute for, wild fish caught in the sea."

The ministry predicted that in 10 years production of farmed trout would rise six-fold from the present annual total of 2,500 tonnes. It rejected the contention of fish farmers that their industry might expand on the scale of the broiler chicken trade, Chickens

Chagall window designed

The report predicted a limited growth of farming of popular wild species such as cod. They have found that the cost of producing plaice is three times its market value.

for Chichester By a Staff Reporter.
Marc Chogall has designed a stained glass window for Chichester. Cathedral, which will be installed early nest year.
M Chagall accepted an invitation from the dean, the Very Rev Walter Hussey, to design the window after visiting Chichester several years ago. It consists of small scenes representing different art forms, surrounding the biblical figure of David. The theme of the design is the arts to the slow of

forms, surrounding the biblical figure of David. The theme of the design is the arts to the glory of Grid-Prim 150.

The dean said it had long been an ambition to persuade M Chagall to design the window. "The arts are one of the most effective and volucible handmaids of the church, and never more so than today."

The dean is retiring this summer after 22 years at Chichester, and as close to achieving two more artistic ambitions by commissioning works for the cathedral from Henry Moore and Graham Sutherland.

Inno.

The cost of the Chagell window, as yet unspecified, will be met through an independent speed.

Bravery award for boy of 8

Nigel Brace, aged eight was awarded two special stamp albums at Post Office head-quarters in London for his

part in capturing a man with a saile after an attempted robberty at a sub-postoffice in Northampton.

He was held at knifepoint but wriggled free, enabling his father, Mr Brian Brace, and orders to tackle the man. Mr Brace and five others were awarded more than £500 among them.

Latest appointments 🗀

Latest appointments include: Mr J. F. Munmery to be Treasury jumor counsel in charity matters and Mr C. Aldous to be one of the panel of counsel for the Department of Trade in Chancery matters; both in succession to Mr Andrew Morritt, QC.

QC.
Brigadier A. C. Bare, to be Commandant, National Defence College, Latimer, in the rank of major-general, in July, in succession to Vice Admiral D. A.

Ascension Day services

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7 50 and 1 pm; HM. 6.30, Father J.

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OBITUARY MISS MARIAN GAMWELL

Nursing service in two wars

Miss Marian Gamwell, ORD who was Corps Units Commander of the First Aid Murant Yeomanny (FANY) from 1945 to 1946, died on May 13.

Antonia Marian Gamwell with born in 1891, and educased born in 1891, and educased hospital organized by Br Electronia Royaumont, near Proon driving and general dune She joined the FANY Corps in Lamarck Hospital for Belgins until January, 1916, when the first unit to drive for the British Army. She was in France until May, 1918, what she was invalided borne. She was mentioned in dispatcher.

Berween the wars the form was mentioned in dispatchet Berween the wars, she farmed in Northern Rhodesia with her th Northern knodesia with her sister. In 1940 she came har to the United Kingdom (after burning their crops by order) to take command of the Coms Units (non-ATS) FANYS. She this she command of the Coms Units (non-ATS) the chief she command the command of the Coms Units (non-ATS) the chief she can be command to the command the co

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Units (non-AIS) PANYS. She held this appointment, in charge of the recruiting and administration of all the minimatering with SOE, the Police Army and many other organizations which employed nearly 3,000 members in 34 different countries. She was made in the policy of countries. She was made

She was in Northern Rho desia until 1963, and went by live in Jersey in 1965.

LT-COL R. F. WALTER

Lieuzenam-Colonel R E Walter, who died on May 16 at the age of 68, was Commandan of the Corps of Commissionaires from 1960 until his retirement in 1975. He was the fifth successive member of the Walter family to have held the appoint. ment since it was founded by Cantain Sir Edward Walter in

Educated at Bromsgrove and RMA Woolwich he was commissioned into the Royal Arti-lery in 1930; his appointments included ADC to Sir William Peel, Governor of Hongkong from 1932 to 1935. He saw service overseas in the Second-World War. His great great grest grandfather, John Walter, was founder of The Times. He married, in 1938, Heather,

daughter of Surgeon-Captain, William Innes Gerrard, CBE, RN, and has a surviving daugh-

ANDREAS CARIOLOU Major General H. D. G. Butler

Those who knew Andrew, and almost a generation of Ridsh in Cyprus did know him will be saddened by his mitmely death in a diving accident off Larnaca.

In an age which seems in-creasingly short of personalities. it would be no exaggeration to say that Andreas filled every stage on which he walked, and he walked in some distinguished company. Dons, tycoons, servicemen, musicians, divers, all have been captivated by his friendliness, his charm and his archaeology and morine life in general. Self-taught diver, be started on sponges and gradeated m some exciting marine discoveries for which he has never received proper recogn

It was, however, more the man than what he did. He will be a wonderful person to remember. In his prange growmember. In his prange growmending the ancient pump for
the hundredth time, singing
Greek songs after lunch in his
boat, diving, knocking back the
KEO brandy and dispensing
history and wisdom all in equal measures.

Friends of Andreas will be thinking of his wife Tassouls who has already suffered the loss of her home in Kyrenia and it is there that we shall think of them together.

> GENERAL YANG SEN

General Yang Sen, one of the last of the old Chinese war lords, died in Toipei on May 15. He was 96.

Born in Szechwan, he served in the Manchu Army and became Military Governor of Szechwan, Governor of Chungking and policy adviser to Presidest policy adviser to President Chiang Kai Shek

Chiang Kai Shek.

In 1926 he opposed what he called British gunboar dislomacy, the Wanhsien incident and in 1934 he chased a routed. Communist army to Shensi and almost captured Marshal Chu Teh. General Yang had 43 children—22 daughters and 21 boys.

MASON Colin Hayes writes:

The painter Bateson Mason, who died on May 14 at the age of 67, was known with affection throughout the London are specific.

teacher come to know him as a friend. Unquenchably him spirited, he was the most enter-taining of companions, the lovalest of colleagues and for all his wide reputation, quite without self importance. Very many people will feel his death as a deep personal loss.

of Sir John Weston Brooke, Bl. died on May 16. She was Phoebe Napier, daughter of G. A. Harvey and widow of Sir Ferral Macdonald, KBE, FRS, and she married Sir John Brooke at his second wife in 1966.

10-day auction of the contents of tentmore Towers, Buckinghammere, begins at 11 am today. The ady-striped marquees are in place, 30,000 people have viewed the treasures, and everyone is busy with final calculations of how high they dare bid. As far as the nation is concerned there remains one float decision: there is uncertainty whather the National Gallery has brought the superb portrait of Midame de Pomadour by Drouals. She is painted in the last year of She is painted in the last year of her life in an exquisitely embroi-dered dress, surrounded by works A day or two back, art market experts were convinced that the deal had gone through at a market valuation of £600,000, but resterday Mr Michael Levey, director of the National Gallery, denied k. "We remain eager but we simply do not know", he said. The portrait is caralogued for auction

do not know", he sald. The portrait is catalogued for auction
next Wednesday.

That is perhaps typical of the
whole Mentmore saga. The sixth
Lord Rosehery died in 1974 and
about a year later the house and
its contents were offered to the
nation in lieu of estate dur. The
house was built in the 1850s by
Paxton, who designed the Crystal
Palace, for Baron Meyer de Rothechild to house his incomparable
urt collection.

Palace, for Baron Meyer de Rothschild to house his incomparable art collection.

The nation delayed, and against the final deadline set by the present peer last January decided that it would not aquire the house at the bargain valuation of £2.2m.

The auction of the contents was then announced and in view of the howl of public protest Lord Rosebery gave the nation a second chance to purchase. A second deadline was set on April 5 for the decision; although that had to be extended by a further 24 hours, the answer remained "no". That left open the question whether the lation would wish to acquire, again in lieu of estate dubes, some of the choicest treasures. Eight lots in Sotheby's catalogue are marked with an asterisk indicating that they might be sold to the nation before the auction.

It was May 6 before the final

Hougkong jewel buyers proved

less predictable than the porcelain enthusiasts when Sotheby's offered

important jewels for sale there

yesterday; they had been offering

Chinese porcelain the day before.

The star item, a necklace of emeralds and diamonds with a large carved emerald pendant, was

large carved emeralo pendant, was unsold at HKS1.1m (estimate HKS1.2m to 1.5m), or \$138,000. The top price in the sale was HK\$280,000 (estimate 360,000 to 470,000) or \$47,500 for a necklade composed of 381 ruby heads. About 70 lets found buyers out of 135 offered, bringing a total of \$1.4m.

Christie's endeavours to sell taxels, clocks and stiver in Rome

he sold to the nation before the auction.

It was May 6 before the final decision that the nation should have four out of the eight was reached. By dint of revising the valuation on "Madame de Pompadour" a fifth still hangs in the balance. reached. So dint or revising the valuation on "Madame de Pompadour" a fifth still bangs in the balance.

Mentmore's finest hour was around the turn of the century the bouse. There have been many original Mentmore treasures. Hongkong jewelry buyers in unpredictable mood

With so much foreign activity, things were quiet in London. Southeby's held a sale of arms and armour totalling £69.928 with 13 per cent unsold. The higher prices were for modern gens with a 12-bers distance electric sporting run.

were for modern guns with a 12-bore sidelock ejector sporting gun by E. J. Churchill at £2.100. At Socheby's Belgravia, Vic-oruno paintings and drawings made £22.063, with 10 per cent unsold, A pair of small still lifes of fruit by Oliver Clare made £630 (esti-mate £400 to £800). At Christic's a sale of antiquities

Mr John Freeman has resigned as chalman of the governors of the British Film Institute because of pressure of commitments. He was appointed last October. Student outlet

Under new rules aproved by Con-gregation of Oxford University vesturday, the students' union and Graduate Representatives Confer-ence will be able to circulate three

Mr Freeman resigns

totalled 19.836, with 6 per cent At Borthams, a large service of At Bornaus, a large service of rat-fall pattern table silver by Coldymith and Silver-mith, hall-marked Loadon, 1932, fetched 1900. The sale of silver and plate totalled 110,245.

spondent erites).
An unused pair of the 1863 1d deep carmine with the Crown CC watermark, a trial printing, more than doubled the estimate of \$4,000 to \$5,000 by selling ar \$10,200. The sale realized \$90,010.

Chelsea Flower Show medals and certificates

The following awards have been drops, agricus and shrips, South African Department of Information, Indigenous and other Howers and followers and shrips, South Down Nurseries, Redfollowers show:

GOLD MEDALS: Althood Bros. Hap-hocks, Derpetual-flowering carastions.

Goerlitz, May 17.—Leaders of East Germany's eight Protestant churches finished a five-day Society in commercian with the Chelsen show:

GOLD MEDSLS: Allwood Bros. Mashocks. perpetual-flowering carations. Bether, Lymington. perpetual-flowering carations. Seven Bather, Lymington. perpetual-flowering carations. perpetual-flowering carations. perpetual-flowering carations. perpetual-flowering carations. perpetual-flowering carations. perpetual-flowering carations. Persentances flowering carations. Barband flowering synod here today after hearing and jobs despite official guaran-tees of religious freedom.

"If they can be pointed to with names and house numbers, senting a report on the subject. Since a Protestant pastor burned himself to death in Zeitz last year in protest at discrimination against young Christians and the emphasis on communist ideology in educa-tion, the church has been more outspoken about its problems. The Bishoo confirmed that last week church leaders had held the discussions they had long sought with the Government and these had resolved some of the church problems.

10.45.
Exhibitions: Happy and Glorious,
Royal portraiture in photugraphy Estional Portrait Gallery: Paintings from HM
Prisons, Chapter House,
Covency, Cathedral; Jubilation,
American sculpture and paintlag during reign of Elizabeth
U, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambeidge.

beidge. : Lunchtme music : Come and Sing. contemporary hymns, West-minster Abbey, 12.30; Mary Plumb; clarinet, St Olave's, Hart Street, 1.05; Andrew New-berry, organ, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 1.15.

25 years ago

wacther the events of the past wach are a prelude to a major more almed at undermining security in west Berlin, but the Russians still seem to be prepar-



when the fifth Lord Rosebery.

Prime Minister from 1894 to 1895. the present earl has removed many of his favourite frems to Dalmeny daughter of Baron Meyer de Rothschild, entertained their guests. Prime Minister from 1894 to 1895, and his wife Hannah, the only daughtee of Baron Meyer de Roths-child, entertained their guests.

on Monday proved equally hazardous. The sale had been postponed from the previous Thursday here is not and non related \$1,300 (estimate \$1,000 to \$1,250). \$1,300 (estimate \$1,250). \$1,300

t per cent unsolo. Singleton paid £2.460 for an eighteenth-car ourNormandy chestmut dresser (estimate £2,000). A sale of arms
and armour totalied £21,350, with
5 per cent unsold, and Dale paid
£1,300 for an officer's silvermounted helmet of the 7th Madras

Light Cavalry, of 1817 (estimate 51,000).

A hook sale totalised £77.112, with 1 per cent unsold. Forles poly £1.100 for a factor of La Fontaine's Fables (estimate £300). In a collectors' sole of the factor of the

ion coin-operated disc mislchex went to Brody for 5950. The sale

totaled £10,245.

Cape triangular stamps: A used 1861 Cape of Good Hope triangular "woodblock" 1d, an error in the colour of the 4d blue, made £2,900 and a used 4d error in the colour of the 1d rad made £3,500 at Harmer's sale of British Commonwelth stamp in Bond Stamp correspondent writes).

Today's engagements The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in Scotland; Govan walkway, 10.15, Burroughs Machines, 11.40, Co-operative Wholesale Society distribution centre, Cumbernauld, 12.15, walkabour in Greenfendeds, 2.55, Stirting youth pageant, 4, dinner, Stirting Castle, 9.

The Prince of Wales visits Cumbria, errives Profitia, 9.30.
The Duchess of Kenr. patron. opens School of Nursing, St. George's Bospital. Tooting, 10.45.

From The Times of Saturday, May 17, 1952 Autobahn control

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Russians still seem to be preparing footholds in preparation for a
insple. It was realized and publicly
stated at the time of the blockade
that there was nothing on paper
to define aliled rights of access to
Berlin. The European Advisory
Commission, of which Russia was
a member, agreed in November,
1944: that an inter-allied government should be set up in the city,
but the western powers' rights of
access to if were not mentioned.
Subsequent agreements were Subsequent agreements' equally vague.

From Our Own Correspondent
Berlin, May 16.—The Russians have now brought into the open their pretext for interfering with allier military patrols; on the autobabus between Berlin and West Germany, and have raised the issue of the right to use the rust and control it. No one knows warther the events of the nact

MR BATESON

world.

Early in his career he established himself as a fine painter and draughtsman; but he will be remembered not only for his work. He taught widely; notably; at St Martin's School of Art and from 1967 until last year as Senior Tutor at the Royal College of Art and generations of lege of Art, and generations of students who met him as a fine

Lady Brooke, FFARCS, wife

THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

Lonrho still an enigma in the City. page 23

Bonn has doubts about reaching its 5pc economic growth target

Was still 5 per cent. But it would not be a disaster if would not be a disaster if growth turned out to be 4.7 per tent or 4.8 per cent, he added. It was unreadistic to expect growth turned out to be 4.7 per tent or 4.8 per cent, he added. It was unreadistic to expect growth turned out to be 4.7 per tent or 4.8 per cent, he added. It was unreadistic to expect growth targets to be held to the nearest decimal point. We aimed for 5 per cent last year and got 5.6 per cent and nobody complained about that ". Dr Grüneweld said.

The cabinet is to discuss the chancelor hemin schmidt had committed West Germany to achieving a real economic growth rate of 5 per cent this year. Dr. Hans Friderichs, his economics minister, has publicly expressed doubt on his country's ability to meet his target.

It could be 4.3 per cent or 4.7 per cent, he said. The 5 per cent target enshrined in the Government's annual economic report no longer seemed prob-able because of disappointing developments in the first few

months of this year.
There has been a lingering uncertainty about Germany's sconomic outlook for some mouths, not least because the vital industrial order and production figures have been in a steee of total confusion since the statistical sample on which they are based was "reformed." at the beginning of the year.

on when the two-tiered price system that has operated since the beginning of this year would revert to single pricing.

He was commenting on reports from the Middle East

that most of the 11 countries that voted for a 16 per cent-price rise from January 1, with

Argument over the future of

ouk a new turn yesterday when he board of Reyrolle Parsons applied to GEC criticisms of

varning that a decision to give brax B to Parsons before a attonalization of the industry

would be disastrous.

turbo-generator industry

eronomics minister, has publicly
expressed doubt on his country's
ability to meet its target.

Dr Friderichs told a meeting.

of foreign journalists in Bonn
for that he expected the economic gramme and to take steps to aid the building industry, which is still in a state of severe recession.

But, according to government sources, there is no chance of further funds being made available besides the DM16,000m (about £4,000m) infrastructure development programme decided earlier this year. This programme is due to be pushed through over the remainder of this decade by the Federal and

In terms of cash, the most that seems likely at the moment is a reallocation of money un-used by the Federal Lubour Offica.
Last November

State Governments and the local

Opec prices policy 'still unsettled'

Surveillance licences for imports of steel

By Edward Townsend Surveillance licences covering a wide range of iron and steel products imported from non-EEC courties will be required from next Wednesday, the De-

partment of Trade announced yesterday.

The licensing system, introduced under the so-called Daviguon Plan, which sets minimum price levels for the Buroness pean steel industry, goes some way to meeting union and industry demands in Britain for a more detailed form of import monitoring in a bid to establish whether dumping is taking

The surveillance licences will be valid for three months and, said the department, issued freely against evidence, in the form of correspondence or orders, of the intent to import. Importers will be required to provide some detailed informa-

tion about quantity, value and domestic market price in the country of origin.

The price details will be of particular value under present rules in determining when the important disease and exact in heir important into an exact in the imported iron and steel is being

dumped.

Minimum prices laid down on the basis of the Davignon Plan, the basis of the Davignon Plan, drawn up by Viscount Etienne Davignon, the European Commissioner for Industry, produced some opposition last week from the British Steel Corporation, which described them as unrealistically low.

It was feared that the introduction of submisser minimum. duction of voluntary minimum prices could tend to drag down

But uncertainty has tended to DM430m was set aside by the turn to gloom, since the publication of the April memploy. Federal : Government to help cation of the April memploy. In the process to take up to the new minimum figures as allowing them to a quarrent of this amount so the deputy government spokes. The bid considers that the time the deputy government spokes in the pipeline should man, said the German Government of the funds available.

Asked his views of present

Slow rise in industrial production INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

By David Blake Economics Correspondent Britain's industrial production continued to grow slowly during Merch: but there were tentative signs that engineering and

the investment goods industries may be going through a slightly better time now than they were at the turn of the year.

The all-industries index rose to 104.3 from the February level of 104. During the first quarter of 1977, production increased

per cent. Comparison between quarters is generally thought to be the best indicator of how industry is performing because the monthly index has a notorious

over the previous quarter by 1

tendency to jump around.

The investment goods industries have carried almost all of the burden of the increase in production, limited in scale ough it has been. Investment goods production was 2 per cent

to March than it was during October to December; the in-crease in consumer goods production was 0.3 per cent, while that in the intermediate goods industries was 0.5 per cent. The figures fit in with the Government's belief that there will be a big increase in investment this year while consumer demand will stay fairly stagnant. The relative stagnation of consumer demand has been the stagnation of the

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over the past few months. In output and was 1.3 per cent up vestment surveys do suggest that there will be some improvement as the year goes

But the figures also provide a reminder of how low a base the investment industries start from. Whereas in March the index for intermediate goods industries stood at 105 (1970 is taken as 100) and consumer goods were at 115, investment goods industries' output was only 102, even after the recent

Within industrial groups the enough, been the mining and quarrying group which includes North Sea oil. Output of this sector was 8 per cent higher in the first quarter than it was in the final quarter of 1976.

The other industry which has been improving steadily in the first months of the year is engineering which accounts for more than 30 per cent of total

in the first quarter.
Although the latest results show industrial output 2.5 per cent higher than a year ago (manufacturing is 3.5 per cent up), the picture for the decade as a whole remains gloomy.

Output is only 4.3 per cent higher than it was in 1970. The world recession has not helped, but other industrial countries

have managed to do consider-

ably better.
Taking 1970 as a base of 100, at the end of last year produc-tion (excluding construction) in Belgium was up 22 per cent. In France it was up 26 per cent and in Germany 13.5 per cent. America had an increase of 22 per cent, Japan one of 28 per cent and even Italy, often linked with Britain as the sick man of Europe, had raised promen of Europe, had raised production 27.5 per cent. In the United Kingdom the equivalent increase was 5.7 per cent.

DoT inquiry into affairs of Ozalid

Inspectors have been appoin-Inspectors have been appointed by Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, to investigate and report on the affairs of Oralid, the office copying equipment supplies company, which has been the subject of an investigation by the Monopolies Commission and was recently taken over by the Durch office banking firmly on the front line Grinten.

Dr J. V. H. Pennings, who was appointed deputy chairman and managing director of Ozalid in April, after the takeover, said yesterday that he was completely satisfied that the investigation had nothing to do

investigation had nothing to do with the present group.

The board of Ozalid understood that the investigation under section 165(b) of the Companies Act 1948 related to "specific events" occurring before the Dutch company moved in.

However, Dr Pennings said that he did not know what these "specific events" were. Section 165(b) gives the Secretary of State for Trade powers publicly to order an investigation where intent to defraud, fraud, malfeasance or the profraud, malfeasance or the provision of inadequate information to shareholders are suspected.

The directors of Ozalid, formerly a high-flyer whose status was barely dimmed by the disclosure in 1975, that certain directors' pay had been understated to the tune £93,000 in the years 1970-73, shocked the marker in Febru-ary by accepting a bid from Oce van der Grinten at below the price then operating. They argued that the company's tracing difficulties precluded an

after crop losses.

One estimate is that Parana could lose from 15 to 20 per cent of its 1978-79 crop, which had been expected to reach four to five million 60-kilo

is due to begin next month and it is expected that only the quality of this harvest will be

tion of the profit.

Commodities, page 26

Step nearer democracy for Williams & Glyn's

A first cautious step towards greater worker involvement in banking has been taken by Williams & Glyo's, and puts banking firmly in the front line in the development of industrial democracy. An interim report of a work-

ing party between management and the National Union of Bank Employees (Nube), set up more than two years ago, broaches the sensitive issue of worker directors on the board, but has decided in favour of further studies.

Nevertheless it contains mild senior management levels and senior management levels and urges a more efficient system as a priority. The working party unanimously agreed that the first effort should be directed towards developing efficient consultative systems as a mean of sellipping agreed effective and applications. of achieving more effective participation. But it failed to agree on the details.

By a majority decision it recommended establishing a corporate council for consulta-tion at top level, with the de-velopment of further consultation lower down Eut a minority wanted the process reversed, with improvements starting from the lower levels and moving upwards.

The working party recom-mends the development of further consultation at divisional level, although not imposing it, and suggests the establishment of divisional councils.

The corporate council should. for 'example, be involved in both formulating and communicating the bank's corporate plan, and so would meet at least twice a year. A continuing dialogue would flow from working parties formed from members of the council. While confining the council to consultative issues, the working party decided not to detail its

The report touches on the highly sensitive issue of non-union staff in the development of the consultative process but says simply, and perhaps sig-mificantly, that no firm conclu-sions had been reached.

But on the corporate council, which would have 12 to 14 seats, management represents tives should include the highest levels, including executive director level. The working party spells our in detail come of the options for electing staff representatives, but again no final decision is reached.

The report falls far short of a full-blooded involvement by workers with a succinct state-ment that "consultation itself winst not imbede winsikement,? right to make decisions in order to react to events of a commercial significance".

It also emphasizes the need for secrecy when information is disclosed, particularly where the information relates to indi-vidual staff members or Cu<u>st</u>oniers.

The report says people no longer accept that authority and the right to demand unquestioning obedience automatically go with position or social status. Employees need a sense of achievement and involvement. It says participation has to a degree been forced on em-ployers by legislation requiring the disclosure of certain infor-mation to employees.

A minority report of the working party proposes a numher of participation procedures to evolve from lower levels upwards. It urges the extension of the present office representative system to overcome the dif-ficulty of organizing a loree number of lower level bodies.

Christopher Thomas

using foreign currency financing total contract value of \$250m. The project will take about Industrial Corresponden; four years to complete, and will involve ICI and the Ger-

Industrial Corresponden;
Two British export deals together worth nearly 5300m (about £176m)—one for the Soviet Union and the other for the Middle East—were announced yesterday.

Both deals are the first major overseas contracts of real size to involve foreign corresponding and

tency financing on medium and long term credit in line with a policy outlined by Mr Healey, the Chancellor, at the end of

the Chancellor, at the end of last year.

Davy Powergas, a subsidiary of Davy International, with the West German company, Klockner Industrial Plant, will provide the Soviet Union with two huge methanol plants (using ICI technology) with a

Two directors

at Beaverbrook

Beaverbrook Newspapers an-

of its directors yesterday as speculation about the future of

the newspaper group continued.
The directors involved are Mr
A. N. Dyer and Mr B. T. G.
Nicholson.
Their resignations follow that

of another boardroom member, Mr Peter Hetherington three

weeks ago, and are thought to arise partly from the board-room rift which led to the

short-lived dismissal of Mr Jocelyn Stevens, the chief executive last month Beaverbrook "A" shares

rose by around 5p at one stage yesterday on rumours that Sir James Goldsmith's Générale

Occidentale group was ready to make a full hid for the com-

pany. However, after active trading the shares fell back to

close unchanged at 56p.
Plans to merge Beaverbrook's London evening paper,
the Evening Standard with its
rival Evening News were suspended last month after Sir

James intervened with an offer to examine possible means of maintaining the Standard independently.

leave board

man company in buying back-methanol produced from the two new Russian plants.

The deal will make use of the

British exports share \$300m deals

Anglo-Sovie: credit agreement signed two years ago. The take-up of the facilities has until now been slow and next week Mr Dell, the Secretary of State for Trade, will have talks in Moscow on further possibilities. further possibilities. The Middle East deal, worth

\$40m—the first syndicated United States dollar denominated British export credit negotiated under the new Export Credits Guarantee Department arrangements—will involve the

ment for a new cas guthering and treatment plant being built in Dubai by McDermott Middle East Trading of Houston, Texas. The aim of the new foreign currency financing measures is to encourage exporters to use form of financing which bene-

fits the balance of payments, and which, because it does not require refinancing, reduces the burden on public expenditure. Also the use of foreign cur-rency may allow exporters to quote more competitive prices if the currency concerned is at a premium in the forward

Morgan Grenfell, merchant bankers, were involved in arranging finance for both

shares are those of British Airways, British Rail, British Steel and Shell.

the attitude of the pension funds could be the position of

the Prudential Assurance, which is the largest institutional shareholder in Cavenham with some 6 per cent—although there is no question of the Pru participating in the

the Pru participating in the pensions funds' own discus-

It was widely believed that the Pru had reached agree-ment with Sir James on terms

for a bid, and that a decision

A key factor in determining

City dissatisfaction grows over terms for Cavenham

sions.

Amid growing City dissatis-faction with the terms of the partial bid by Sir James Gold-smith's Générale Occidentale for Cavenham, it emerged last night that a group of leading institutional investors is to meet during the next few days to consider whether to demand a better offer.

The meeting will be attended by a number of pension funds, who rogether hold almost 10 per cent of Caven-ham's shares. It is clear that the funds had been expecting a full bid for the minority in Cavenham, and yesterday they were expressing widespread discontent that GO's offer is only to be for half of the 49 per cent of Cavenham which it

If the funds decide they feel strongly enough about this issue to take it further, it seems likely that any representations will be made collectively on their behalf through the medium of the investment protection committee of the National Association of Pen-sion Funds. Among the pension funds

by the Pru to accept would influence other big shareholders. But while the Pru had certainly talked to Sir James and had spelt out the kind of terms it would consider accep-table, it is now clear that those earlier talks were on the basis of a full, not a partial bid.

The Pru declined to comment yesterday on whether or not it would accept the offer, but it appears to be less than enchanted with the partial offer.

Financial Editor, page 23

Lonrho pays £24.8m for AVP Industries

Louriso, returning to the takeover fray yet again, has made an agreed £24.8m bid for AVP Industries, owners of Brighton's decaying West Pier, several hotels including the Metropole

chain and some industrial The bid is worth 130p cash a share—far higher than the shares have ever been, adjusted for capital change. AVP's quote

was restored yesterday after a one-day suspension and the shares rose 36p to 129p, having gained 10p last week. At the beginning of the year the shares were quoted at 51p. At one stage the shares touched 132p as a few hopes were raised of a counter bid, before it became apparent that

Mr Harold Poster, the AVP for the chairman, was firmly behind March, the bid.

original naure of 150p a share and lookal's starring position of 110p. He said the net asset value backing was now some-what higher than the 125p stated in the annual report for the year to the end of March 1976. Directors of AVP have under-

taken to accept the offer in respect of their 3.4 per cent holding, and family and trust holdings accounting for a further 16.1 per cent of the equity will amost certainly accept.

AVP is expected to have made a profit of about 15.5m

Mr Poster said the agreed months ago the Stock Exchange price was the result of a direct compromise between his own original figure of 150p a share if I get an organization coming along and putting 130p on thu table, who am I to say no? I have to consider what is in the shareholders' interests." He said he would remain chairman of the company and joint managing director with his son, Michael, if the bid was

Mis son, migraer, it are successful.

Meanwhile, Lonrho announced that 95 per cent of its recent rights issue had been the woose. teken up and that, with excess applications, the issue had been substantially more than 100 per cent oversubscribed. Lonrho enigma, page 23

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Reports, pages 24, 525 and 26

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Whitbread Preliminary Announcement: Interim Statements:

Coffee price leap

By Wallace Jackson Coffee prices on the London market vesterday surged ahead to the highest levels since April on news that cold winds had damaged some of the trees in North Parana, Brazil.

"Spot" May coffee closed £397.50 up on the day at £3,605 per tonne and the July position was £418 abead at £3,670.

The 1977-78 Brazilian barvest

(Free translation of the official French to.1)

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS Shareholders are invited to attend the annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday. 26th May. 1977, at 10 30 a.m. in the Office of the "Societé Genérale de Belgique".

30 rue Royale, Brussels, AGENDA

 Reports by the Board of Directors, the Auditing Commission and the legal Auditor for the financial year 1978. 2. Approval of the balance sheet as at December 31, 1970, and of the profit and loss account of the financial year distribu-

3. Discharge to be granted to the Directors and Auditors. 4. Statutory appointments—Emoluments of the legal Augitor In order to be admitted to this Meeting owners of bearer shares must deposit their shares no, later than Wednesday, 18in

May, 1977, with any one of the following banks: : with "Société Genérale de Banqua", in Brussels or any of its other offices and apendies:

t with "Banque Beiga (France)", rue in France Voiney 12, 75002 Paris with "Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank". in the Netherlands: with Herengrachi 595, 1001 Amsterdam.

Owners of bearer shares will be admitted to the Meeting on producing a statement from one of the above banks montening the identity of the owner of the observa and optifying that the shares will remain deposited from 18th to 26th life; 1977. Owners of registered chares must advice the Company not

later than Wednesday 18th May 1977, of their intenuca to attend the Meeting or to be represented. Proxies, Conferred according to article 30 of the Articles of Association, must be deposited not later than Wednesday, 18-h

May, 1977, at the Company's Registered Office, rue de la Chancellerie 1, Brussels, Proxy forms are evallable to shareholders at the Company's Registered Office and also at the above-mentioned banks. The Board of Directors

MOTORS LIMITED Ford Main Dealers

1976 RESULTS

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GROUP SALES" **51,640,907** 36,218,220 PROFIT BEFORE TAX 1,577,670 1,308,194 DIVIDENDS net 218,506 198,906 394,637 ADDED TO RESERVES 591,300 13.2p EARNINGS PER SHARE 16.3p

> Extracts from the review by the Chairman. Mr. J. F. Macgregor

- Continued profit growth in 1976 despite high cost of financing biggest ever expansion project.
- Dividends increased by permitted maximum. 1977 first quarter's profit of £606,000 shows 45%
- increase over previous year. Management views immediate trading

and the 1976 Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, 279 Ballards Lane, London N12 8NS

a single brice as was the practice in the past but there had been no final settlement yet. Ann Fyre writes from Dubai: Shakhi Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi on minister, said yester day after an about circums the attempts to reconcile the 5 per cent increase with the two-part 15 per cent rise decided upon by the other 11 Opec members. efforts were still at an early a satisfactory conclusion". The Venezuelan oil minister recently completed a four of the Opec countries aimed at finding a compromise, solution.

the option of a further 5 per day after an Shour visio to the cent rise from July 1, had United Arab Emirates that decided to forgo the mid year price increase.

There has been speculation that if the 11 Opec members dual price system within Opec renounced the 5 per cent in After holding discussions with crease, Saudi Arabis and the Mr Mense Bin-Said al-Otabs Reyrolle Parsons attacks

> GEC and Parsons are fighting over the restructuring of the industry, with GEC adament that it should have control and Parsons opposing such a solu-

'exaggerated' GEC claims

eyrolle's subsidiary, C. A.

Revrolle Parsons and yester-day that it deplored "certain derogatory statements" which had been made. The references to past generator problems had been made to past generator problems had been exaggerated.

Again in interpreting the number of machines ordered in the United Kingdom, it has always been a characteristic of the bone market that orders go in phases and so different in phases and so different statistics can be arrived at by considering various periods of

Mr Varley to approve new Mini next week

By Clifford Webb Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, is now expected to announce the Covernment's decision on the British Leyland review study in two stages.

The first—probably on May 26—will authorize the Leyland Cars subsidiary to go ahead with investment on new models, including the controversial £200m Mini project. But an announcement on re organization and possible changes in senior management will not be made until Parlia-

ment resumes after the Whitsum récess. A decision on this is not pressing as the need to lift the freeze on capital spending which is threatening serious delays to the 1979 launch date for the new Mini and the new medium saloon range due out two years later. .

Government delay in tackling structural and managerial prob-lems will inevitably lead to reports that neither ministersnor Lord Ryder; chairman of the National Enterprise Board; can find executives who have the standing and the will to take on such a daunting task. The most widely reported can-didate, Mr Terry Beckett, 53, chairman and managing direcfor of Ford Britain, is apparently a non-starter.

the past two months, Leyland Cars has shown that it cannot generate cash flow to support the planned investment ratio of £1.4 of Leyland money for every £1 from the Government. In acknowledging this failure the Government is expected to

tell Leyland Cars to concentrate

available funds on new cars and

Despite the improvements of

reduce investment aimed at providing more of its own com-**UK Shipbuilders**

Mr Michael Casey, a former top civil servant, has been con-firmed as chief executive of British Shipbuilders, the new state corporation which is due to take over the bulk of Britain's shipbuilding industry on July 1.

Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry confirmed the appointment of Mr Casey,

chief is named

Business appointments Appointments vacant Wall Street formerly head of the Department of Industry's shipbuilding policy division, for one year at a salary of £19,300. Bank Base Rates Table Annual Statements: Harold Perry Motors

On other pages

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start. Gill-**caged** securities sow demand.

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RUGBY PORTLAND CEMENT



"Particular emphasis on the development of plant which is even more efficient and economical in the use of energy."

The speech of the Chairman, at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 10th June, 1977, together with a separate message from the Chairman, both of which have been circulated with the Report, are as follows:

In my first speech as Chairman, I am very glad to be able to report that our results for 1976 produced a record profit. I am sure you will agree that congratulations on this achievement are due to all concerned for what was a particularly good performance against the background of a difficult situation, Earnings per share on the Ordinary Shares were 8-2p in 1976 against 7-7p in 1975 and on the Participating (non-voting) Shares 3-6p against 3-3p in the previous year.

RETIREMENT OF SIR HALFORD REDDISH

December 1976 saw the retirement of Sir Halford Reddish after over 47 years on the Board of this Company. I would have liked to say more than this but it is at Sir Halford's explicit, and strongly expressed, request that I refrain from doing so.

ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

1976 also marks the end of an era in this country as a whole. For during it Her Majesty's Government publicly recognised for the first time the close relationship which inescapably exists between the level of public expenditure and of either taxation or borrowings to finance it on the one hand, and both inflation and an adverse balance of payments on the other. While, as citizens, we must all be glad to see this appreciation, however belated, of the economic facts of life, the Government's actual measures are in practice likely to arouse less enthusiasm. For instead of applying to current spending the inevitably painful cuts in public expenditure roper understanding of the nation's economic situation plainly demands, most of their proposed reductions and restrictions appear to be aimed at capital expenditure, particularly in the field of construction. Not only must this adversely affect the construction industry, and those who serve it, but it must also mean the creation of unnecessary bottlenecks and shortages when economic recovery comes. At that time necessary investment in buildings, equipment, roads, factories and airfields will have to be done in a hurry, against time, and of course at a far higher cost than would now be involved.

For this Company, as for all others which supply the U.K. market, this must mean that 1977 will be, so far as that market is concerned, a far from easy year. Your Company did well in 1976 to increase its share of the U.K. market from 14-5% to 15%. But securing a better share of a shrinking market, though it of course reflects the greatest credit on those working in your Company at all levels, is a tough job and less rewarding than sharing in a growing market.

So far as the present year is concerned, unprecedented rain in the first two months literally damped down demand, but with better weather there is reason to hope the demand for cement will improve as work on sites picks up again. The recent Budget, it should be noted, will increase - and is intended to increase - the costs of industries such as our own which have no option but to make substantial use of road transport. However there are certain signs of growing confidence in the British economy and if this tendency continues, the heavy backlog of building work which has developed should mean increasing demand later in the year.

OVERSEAS

Overseas the prospect is brighter. While in Australia the forecast recovery in the economy following on the change of government has been slower than some people expected, in recent months the construction industry in Western Australia has begun to show a good deal more confidence. Our Australian subsidiary, Cockburn Cement Limited, achieved improved profits in 1976 as a result of higher dispatches of both cement and lime, Recently there have been announcements of several important plans for industrial expansion in Western Australia and there is therefore every prospect of a continuing improvement in the level of industrial activity in that State and, with it, in the demand for cement. The demand for lime also shows signs of further growth, to the extent that Cockburn is now planning an extension of present production facilities with a new lime plant.

TRINIDAD

In the Caribbean, in response to an approach from the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, negotiations took place last Summer which resulted in an agreement to purchase for cash the shares of our subsidiary company, Trinidad Cement Limited. Heads of Agreement were signed in July and the company came under government management from the beginning of August. The purchase price agreed was approximately £4.4 million. We very much hope that this sale will be followed by close and continuing co-operation between the new owners and your Company.

Your Company is actively pursuing opportunities overseas, particularly in the field of consultancy where its high standard of expertise in many directions, including the operation of pipe-lines, can be profitably exploited. Our subsidiary company, R.P.C. Technical Services Limited, is energetically seeking appointments in a consultancy capacity on projects at home and overseas.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UK

At home 1976 has been a year of progressive adjustment of current Works' operation to current levels of demand for cement and of increasing engineering activity to modernise our production facilities with particular emphasis on the development of plant which is even more efficient and aconomical in the use of energy. At Southam Works good progress has been made on our first conversion of a kiln from the wet to the semi-wet process. After pilot scale trials which started in May, construction work for the conversion began in the Autumn and the kiln itself was stopped for modification at the beginning of the year. It is expected to start producing clinker by the new process in July, with a saving of more than one third of the previous fuel

At our Rochester Works, the major part of the design work for the installation of a new 2,200 tonnes a day Lepol semi-wet process kiln and ancillary plant is nearing completion. The necessary civil engineering work is progressing well and erection of the new machinery is due to start in the late Spring. The new kiln will take over the whole of the Works' production in the Autumn of 1978.

In 1976, our steel reinforcement subsidiary, The Rom River Company Limited, maintained its position as a leading supplier to the construction industry.

CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYEES

We are taking steps to seek to ascertain the wishes of our works' employees on the question of trade union recognition. Meanwhile, consultation has continued to take place through the medium of the Works Committees and I have, since becoming Chairman, taken advantage of my visits to the Company's Works, to meet the members of these important Committees and to discuss current problems with them. Work is also in hand to improve and bring up to date provision for retirement benefits in respect of all categories of our employees.

DIVIDENDS

The increase in the dividends on both the Ordinary and Participating (non-voting) Shares which we are proposing is the maximum allowable under the Government's policy of restricting dividend distributions.

INFLATION ACCOUNTING

In the four years since January 1973, we have had the Accounting Standards Steering Committee's Exposure Draft on "Accounting for Changes in the Purchasing Power of Money", Sandilands and Morpeth. It is apparent that inflation accounting will be the subject of considerable debate before a new system is completely finalised. While therefore I have no doubt that adjusting accounting for inflation is desirable, I can see no point in producing Accounts in an entirely new form until the final pattern which we shall have to follow is

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Your Board has been strongly reinforced by the appointment of Mr. J. R. Pryor and Mr. A. N. Williams in January of this year. They both have a profound knowledge of the Company's business and will be able to give even fuller service to the Company as members of the Board. In accordance with the Articles of Association, they retire at this meeting and offer themselves for re-election. I am also very glad to be able to report that Mr. R. J. Morgan, who retired from his executive responsibilities on the 31st December 1976, has accepted his colleagues' invitation to remain on the Board in a non-executive capacity. We shall, in this way, continue to have the benefit of his experienced wisdom.

THE WILL TO SUCCEED

Your Company is determined to modernise itself in every respect to enable it to meet the challenge of to-day and tomorrow. I am confident that it will-with the close co-operation of all who work in it-not merely survive, but prosper.

I will conclude with a quotation from an earlier statement which sets out with great clarity what I believe to be the essential truth:

The most valuable asset in the Company's balance sheet is one written in invisible ink. It reads something like this:

The loyalty, the efficiency, the capacity for work of all employed by the Company, their pride in the job and in the Company's achievements, and their joy in having a part in those achievements."

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

My predecessor as Chairman made a practice of including with the Annual Report a message directed to mose who worked with him in the Company. It is not my intention in future years, unless some very special reason arises, to continue this practice. For it seems to me that all concerned with the Company, whether they work in it or advise it from outside or hold its shares, have a common concern with its welfare and I would like to think that those who work in it will read the whole of its Annual Report. And, indeed, I am glad to think that there are many of those who work in it who are also shareholders. There are no watertight compartments to divide us.

However, this year, I would like to take advantage of my predecessor's practice to say directly to all who work with me in the Company. how honoured I feel at being entrusted with its Chairmanship, Lam very conscious, too, of the responsibility which falls on me in becoming Chairman of a company with such a record behind it and in which so many people have worked for so long, in many cases indeed for the whole of their working lives. This responsibility certainly is not lightened by the circumstances of to-day. Inflation, and all the evils that go with it, is still far from conquered. And it is the unhappy fact, as I say in my Chairman's speech, that some of the measures which our Government seeks to apply to check inflation must inevitably hit the construction industries and those who supply materials to those industries. We should be kidding ourselves therefore if we thought that during the next year or two any of us is going to have an easy time.

But our Company has the great advantage that all of those who work in it do realise that its continued success does depend upon its efficiency in a fiercely competitive situation. Only if we deliver punctually and efficiently. what our customers want will we continue to prosper. And we must prosper to survive. It is an illusion to think that companies can get by and continue to provide good jobs without making profit. Profits are needed, both to enable us to raise more capital when we need new and better equipment, as well as helping to pay directly for some of this.

It is in difficult times that the men are sorted out from the boys. Most people can get by when. conditions are easy. But when they get difficult, it is the toughly efficient who come out on top. Let all of us be determined that Rugby shall come out on top, so that when this country reaches as it will in due course better times, we shall be there fully equipped to take advantage of them.

New attempt being made to rescue Generale Immobiliare Rome May 17

A further attempt is being made to rescue Societa Generale Immobiliare, tha troubled international property group, this time through its incorporation into the public works contractor Societa Con-dotte d'Acqua.

The prospects were outlined by Signor Loris Corbi, Chairman of Condotte d'Acqua, to a Generale Immobiliare shareholders meeting yesterday at which he was invited to speak. The success of the complex salvage operation depends on two

factors.

First, a 35,758m lire (£23.8m)
convertible boud issue,
approved by the shareholders'
meeting, has to be placed temporarily with leading creditor
banks on the understanding
that it will eventually be taken
up by Condotta d'Acqua.

A group of hardy

A group of bank represent-atives met last night to discuss the issue, but they have not yet made known their agree-

Second, Condotte d'Acqua, controlled by IRI the state holding corporation has to be returned to private ownership in what would be the first the public sector.

IRI, exasperated at baving to

accept hopeless loss-makers such as companies from the dismembered EGAM group, prefers to rid itself of Condotte d'Zcqua rather than be saddled with Generale Immobiliare. It has given Signor Corbi until-August 10 to find a buyer for its \$1.8 per cent share in Condotte d'Acqua, but nove is yet on the horizon.

Generale Immobiliare, Italia biggest property company with extensive interests in Europe and North America, including Washington's Watergate complex, reported a loss last year of \$6,392m lire, following one of \$6,392m lire in 1975.

Besides approving the 1975 accept hopeless loss-makers

Besides approving the 1975 accounts, the shareholders meeting authorized a one-third capital write-down, the incor-poration of the Sogene subsid-iary, and the establishment of new company into which enerale immobiliare wil divest itself of its main Italian

urban properties.
Shareholdings in the new company will then be offered free to creditor banks. The meeting also approved the appointment as chairman of Signor Aldo Maria Mazio, a retired ambassador, in place of Signor Mario Genghin, one of a group of nine Roman build-ing contractors who along with Banco di Roma held a controll-ing interest.

Post Office cuts 'must be orderly'

By Kenneth Owen. Technology Correspondent A Government decision to support the electronics components industry with £20m must be considered only "as a starter" if the industry is to keep abreast of modern technologies and compete on an international basis, Sir John Clark, chairman and chief exercities of Plesser said vernerday utive of Plessey, said yesterday.

Speaking at a lunch to mark
the opening of the London Electronic Component Show at
Olympia, Sir John said that
changes in technology now taking place were of great and faring place were of great and far-reaching significance; they

reaching significance; they could not be ignored.

But the social consequencesof technological change must be taken into account. That was why the telecommunications industry had appealed to the:
Government against the cumulative effects of Post Office curs in traditional electromechanical relephone systems.

telephone systems.

"Of course, we believe the British telecommunications industry should move forward quickly into the new technical area with equipment brought to modern technical standards",

But some regard must be paid to social responsibility by the decision-makers. By their decisions, they have the power to wipe out the hyelihood of chousands of people without adequate time being given for an orderly and manageable transition from the old to the

£13m rod mill

deal for Ashlow A contract worth £13m has been won by Ashiow Steel and Engineering, Sheffield, for the supply of a high-speed wire rod mill for a new steelworks being built in South Korea.

The United Kingdom company is across as main con-

pany is acting as main con-ractor for the project and the mill is scheduled to start pro-duction in 1979; Financing has been arranged by Lazard Brothers & Co., supported by the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

Yorkshire gas search approved

By Ronald Kershaw

An exploration licence to
drill for oil and gas on the
north Yorkshire moors has been
granted to Consolidated Goldfields, which acre ired the
Whitby Potash Com any from
Shell Petroleum at the end of
March. March.

March.

The company is hoping to find gas in sufficient quantities to provide energy for a potash relinery to be built on an industrial site south of Whithy. An application for an extension to planning permission to mine potash and establish the refinery has been rejected by North Yorkshire County Coun-

mortal refreshive country countries and is the subject of an appeal.

Mr G. G. Williams, a spokesman for Consolidated Goldfields, said last night that the application to drill for gas was an integral part of the plan to mine and refine potash.
Gas exploration will be over
an area of 476 square kilometres between Brotton, Staintondale and Rosedale Abbey.

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Business appointments.

Sir I McLennan new chief of ANZ Group Holdings

Sir Iau McLennan is to become chairman of ANZ Group Holdings and ANZ Banking Group from October 1. Mr. Angus Mackingon is to step down as chairman of both conceanies from September 30 but will remain on both boards.

Mr. William Johnston, who last year resigned as chief executive of County Bank, has joined the boards of Fergison Sectrities and its wholly owned subsidiary. Eirmingham and Midland Counties Trust. He has also been made a director of William Read and Sons and Babit Precision Engineering. He also takes over as managing director of Birmingham and Midland Counties Securities.

Mr. W. R. Vanghan, chairman of

Mr. W. R. Vanghan, chairman of Vaughan Associates, has been elected president of the Machine Tool Trades Association. He succeeds Mr G. W. J. Trowbridge, deputy managing director of Wickman.

Wickman.

Mr G. R. Collyer has been made chairman of Saguenay Shipping U.S.), while communing as managing director. Mr George Russell and Mr J. S. Bridgeman join the

board.

Mr John Swanhorough has been elected executive chairman of Howard Tenens Services and Mr Dennis Berrett becomes group managing director. Mr Plers Harford has given up the non-executive chairmanship but remains on the board.

Bank Julius Baer International:
Mr P. F. W. Jay and Mr C. N.
Lowe have become directors of
Excess Insurance.
Mr P. T. Gunton has been made
a director of Malayan Plantations
in place of Mr C. B. Samley.
Mr W. J. A. Dacombé joins the
board of Sixwell European investment Trust
Six Thomas Pilkington takes
aver as chakman of Charente
Steam-Ship, succeeding Mr Brian
Watson Hughes, who remains on
the board. the board.

Mr Richard Opperman John the board of Beyer, Pencock as commercial director.



Securities; Sir Ian McLenna ANZ Group Holdings and AN Banking Group in October.

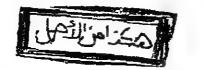
Mr John Jeffrey-Cook and a Tony Ring are new members the Commil of the Institute Taxziton, Mr Edward Boyles at Mr-George Whillans have retire Mr Barry Lee joins the box of Public Attitude Surveys. Mr Roger Farkyn, resear director of Sharps Advertising, the new chairman of the a Society—the body representing i dividual members of the 178-18.

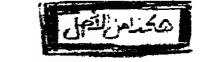
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THE RUGBY PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY LTD. CROWN HOUSE, RUGBY.





Whitbread announce the following trading performance for the 12 months to February 1977.

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1975/76 **1976/77** Profit before tax $\int 30.7 \text{m}$. $\int 42.6 \text{m}$. Dividend £7.6m. £8.3m. (propessed). Tax Profit ploughed back £7.9m. £10.9m.

Didn't we do well! Or did we? It seems to

depend on where you stand.

Standing at the bar, you might be tempted to observe that if we have made that much money we should not increase the price of a pint so often.

Standing for Parliament, you might (depending on your political leaning) make capital out of the short term profit growth of 38.9%, which is well ahead of last year's rate of inflation.

Our employees might ask how long must they stand for wage restraint while we make massive profits.

On the other hand, those same employees stand to gain from our investment plans, as do the retailers who make a living by trading in our products.

Our shareholders can look forward to an increased dividend. And the Chancellor can stand by to receive a substantial windfall in duty and VAT.

Clearly we cannot satisfy all these points of view. What is the correct balance, the fair profit for which we are prepared to stand up dirand be counted?

Let us take you through some facts.

First, the good news.

Profit before tax increased by £11.9m., a gain of 38.9%.

Investment plans can therefore continue. We are half way through a 5 year programme with £116m. planned to be spent over the next 2 years. There is a brewery going up at Magor in South Wales, new lager production facilities, new canning line and an extensive programme of building and renovation in our licensed estate.

Employment results from our investnent plans, not just for our own people but also or workers in supplier companies, particularly n the construction industry. Our own profit performance allowed us to continue producing wage packets for nearly 40,000 people-plus heir families-for another year.

The Drinker has had to put up with price ncreases, but still gets one of the cheapest pints n Europe. Our volume has certainly held up, which encourages us to believe that the value

of British beer in the British pub is widely appreciated.

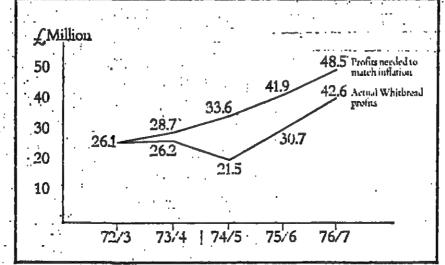
The public at large will benefit from the fruits of our labours in the shape of the taxes and duty that we pay. Last year we generated around £200 million which would have paid for any of the following:

Half of the cost of school meals, milk and welfare foods

or all public expenditure on libraries or most of the cost of the fire service.

Now, the not-so-good news.

Inflation has taken its toll of our long term prosperity-our performance over the past 5 years has been consistently behind the inflation-adjusted targets.



Dividends are even further behind inflation-the shareholder (who, these days, is often a retired hard-working man or a pension fund manager) has suffered most of all.

	71/2	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	76/7
ORDINARY DIVIDEND TO SHARE- HOLDERS		105.0	110.5	117.4	128.0	140.8
RETAIL PRICE INDEX	100	106.1	114.7	139.8	171.8	199.7
AVERAGE EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE		.114.9				191.9
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Prospects are not rosy—the second half results are much inferior to the first:

	1976/77 vs 1975/76
FIRST HALF PROFIT	+ £9.3m. (+49.8%)
SECOND HALF PROFIT	+ £3.1m. (+23.7%)

These figures may be exaggerated by the phenomenal summer of 1976, but the devastating impact of accumulating cost increases in the second half is all too apparent.

For example: malt went up by 35%, hops by 22%, cans and cartons by 19%, and fuel and power by 29%.

Costs must be recovered and the only sure way is through increased prices. Failure to put up our prices last year would have resulted in a £14.5m. profit fall-down to £28.1m., which is not much better than 4 years ago.

We might have had less explaining to do, but we would also have done less investing spent less on new plant and equipment, and less on our estate—with a consequent chain reaction on earnings, jobs and future profits.

Human resource is probably our most. important single asset. Caring for it and nurturing it is an increasing problem. At its most obvious it is a problem of rewards and - security which depend on Whitbread remaining competitive and profitable. But it goes deeper than that. Morale can be lowered by many things: seeing the standard of living of one's family decline, having to operate an obsolete machine for cost-saving reasons, listening to our critics, feeling that the whole commercial structure of society may be tottering.

We want to play our part in removing these irritants-we know that self-interest, even enlightened self-interest, is not enough in the changing modern world.

So where do we stand on our profits?

For a start, let us declare an interest: we worked dammed hard to earn them! You cannot expect us to achieve total detachment, nor to expound original wisdom on how to perform the economic miracle.

As a large national company we are a significant social unit and, as such, willing to account for our performance to the community as a whole-even though that means trying to satisfy conflicting opinions.

We think our performance, seen in the context of the past 5 years and our view of the next 5 years, has achieved a reasonable balance. We think our plans to plough back most of our profits are responsible and, within our limitations, likely to bring the greatest happiness to the greatest number.



BREAD & CO.LTD

5,000 Chloride battery workers in strikes and sit-ins at two plants

By R. W. Shakespeare

A strike and sit-in by 5.000 workers at two Chloride Inter-national battery manufacturing factories in Manchester and Dagenham has halted all pro-

Workers are occupying the two plants at Clifton Junction, Manchester, where 3,500 are on strike and at Dagenham, Essex, where another 1,500 are out. Senior management staff have been locked out.

The dispute centres on union rejection of an offer which will give the 5.000 workers the chance to earn a £4 a week bonus above last year's average earnings, in addition to a 5 per cent wage increase under phase two of the Government's in-

comes policy. In a statement last night the company said that the key issue was an urgent need to bring levels of production in the United Kingdom plants up to those of Chloride companies overseas and international com-

The statement added:
"Chloride has been paying for

N Sea oil

in stocks

Energy Correspondent

Growing production from the

North Sea has reduced the amount of oil that British refining companies will be

required to hold in stock. Mr

Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary

of State for Energy, said yester

day that the companies' stock-holding requirements would be

reduced from the equivalent of 85 days' imports to 75 days.

Under European Economic

Community regulations, Britain

is entitled to a 15 per cent re-duction in stocks because of

North Sea output. But, under the terms of the International

Energy Agency treaty, Britain can discount the whole of its

North Sea production against

Talks have started between the Department of Energy and the EEC Commission with the

object of producing a compro-mise on EEC and IEA stock-

holding requirements for sub-stantial oil producers.

By Roger Vielvoye

allows cuts

petitors.

productivity which has not been delivered and the company is not prepared to go on doing

Average earnings for workers at the Manchester and Dagen-ham plants are £76 for a 40hour week, a company spokes-The main union involved is

the Transport and General Workers Union but four others also have members in the two

A union spokesman said although productivity was one of the main issues, there were other grievances over pensions, the import of foreign batteries and job security.

In its statement the company accused the unions of breaking an agreement on confidentiality concerning discussions between management and shop floor representatives on a possible link-up between Chloride and another manufacturer over the manufacture of battery separa-

The company spokesman said added: the unions had been given lying for advance information and it was

Rolls-Royce RB 211 engines

could be fitted to the European

A300 airbus if talks between the British company and Airbus

Industrie which are due to begin shortly are successful.

begin shortly are successful.

At present, the A300 is powered by American General Electric CF6 engines, but recently the other big United States manufacturer in this field, Pratt and Whitney, offered to work with Airbus Industrie towards the fitting of their engine, the JT9D.

But M Bernard Lathiere, president and chief executive of AI, told me in Paris yesterday that neither the Rolls nor

day that neither the Rolls nor the Pratt and Whitney engines will replace the GE CF6.

Rather they will offer a wider range of options with a choice

of three engines which should make the A300 more popular among a wider range of airlines.

Although a total of 37 air-

Disillusionment by Britain's their investment programme on firm policy of the association

Toolmakers 'disillusioned' by Leyland

machine tool makers over the a more regular besis during the

Dividend paid and proposed

Earnings per share ...

Retained earnings carried to general reserve

By Arthur Reed

Air Correspondent

a matter of great concern to the company that the unions had breached this confiden-tiality and included the question of the possible link-up in their call for industrial action. Senior management men locked out of the Manchester

factory set up a temporary headquarters in a nearby motel Mr Peter Berry, Chloride's manufacturing- director, said that the temporary accom-modation was designed to keep the company "ricking over"

The company was concerned that the dispute would seriously affect its export drive and marketing operations.

He added: "We are fully prepared to meet union repre-

sentatives when and where they wish ". Union conveners at the Manchester plant met for several hours yesterday: They drew up a rota list to maintain a 24 hour a day sir in. A similar sir in was being organized at the Dagenham factory.

The motor industry is unlikely to feel the effects of industry the dispute for some time.

his 300-seater aircraft before it begins to show signs of break-

manufacturer on the world aerospace scene to build and

support an airbus as big as the

ing to see what airbuses older-established companies, such as Boeing, will produce in this

Breaking down this attitude is proving to be a long task for M Lathiere and his col-leagues, but they felt that they

had taken a big stride when Eastern, the big United States

two way trade, both export and import." The important point

was to ensure the maintenance

Many of them are still wait-

European airbus could

buses have been ordered by domestic airline, announced re-ten airlines, with a further 23 cently that they are to take options to purchase, M Lathiere four A300s on lease.

have Rolls engines

Snags delay start of computer checkouts for supermarket use

supermarkets.

The code bank, which would allocate product numbers to all the big grocery manufacturers, was due to have started last month. But according to a statement yesterday from the organization behind the pro-ject, the United Kingdom Article Number Association, the start has been delayed until

This is a big disappointment to the computer manufac-turers, who were hoping to start selling systems specially developed for use with super-market checkouts this summer. Manufacturers include IBM, a supermarket computer sys-tem at the International Association of Chain Stores con-ference in London this week.

Another is MSI Data Cor-poration of California who launched a portable electronic reordering system yesterday, which they said could reduce inventory levels in Britain's multiple stores and shops by over £1,000m if generally

Most of the hig supermarket that "seve chains, however, are holding needed to back from the full scale use of European

By Patricia Tisdall computers until the food Technical snags have delayed manufacturers agree on the the computer code number mumber codes to use on their bank regarded as the key development behind the introductory. The number system being product labels. The number system being product labels. The number system being product labels.

Association for British manufacturers will be compatible with that used in 12 European countries and the United States, so that goods imported or exported do not have to be specially relabelled.

As well as facilitating stock control and product ordering, a number system common to manufacturers grocery manufacturers and retailers would speed the use of computer-linked tills at checkouts. Such equipment would mean that retailers would mean that retailers could abolish the expensive and rime consuming price labelling of individual items.

labelling of individual items.

Instead, grocery products would carry a manufacturers' bar code on the package which could be electronically adjusted daily, if necessary, to keep pace with price changes.

But the Article Number Association believes that there is no commercial advantage for is no commercial advantage for supermarkets until about 70

per cent of grocery products carry the symbol marks.

Mr Stanley Maugham, chairman of the association and administration director of Allied Suppliers said yesterday that " several technical issues? needed to be resolved by the European equivalent body

ing even for the sponsoring governments, France, West Germany, Holland and Spain. The A300 is the only airliner in its class, and with only two of the new rechnology engines, and the spain and the spain and the spain and the spain are the spain and the spain are the spain and the spain are the spain are the spain and the spain are the distributors is reckoned to be quieter than any of the other big jets. But airlines still remain slightly suspicious of the ability of Al as a relatively new rejected

By Colin Ivermee

adopted.

Parliamentary Staff The level of High Street prices in the United Kingdom was in part restrained by the degree of efficiency and competition in the distributive industry, Mr Fraser, Minister of State at the Department of Prices and Consumer Protec tion, said in the Commons yes

There was a good deal to be thankful for in the way the industry operated, he told mem-bers of the Standing Committee They could be proud of the in-

But under the Bill the indus-try was treated less stringently than the manufacturers and did not have to give notification of price increases.

One or two distributors might. however, merit investigation under the Bill. Those handling coffee, tea or cosoa-where prices were rising faster than

distributive costs—might have unwarranted margins.

Mr Michael Sheriby (Hillingdon, Uxbridge, C) said many distributors were concerned that they would bear the brunt of the Bill. However, an Opposi-663.8m. tion amendment to exempt dis-Business Diary, page 23 tributors was rejected.

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Tory plea for Co-op chief's assurance on stamps

The Co-op, which less year increased its share of national retail trade for the third year running (it now stands at 7.3 per cent), has no intention of per cents, has no intention of giving up its blue dividend stamps. This was made clear yesterday by Mr Arthur Suzden, chief executive of the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Mr Sugden, introducing the annual CWS report, predicted that the withdrawal by the Tesco supermarkets group from

Tesco supermarkets group from contract might give rise to some limited heavy price cutting by its rival. But other retailers would not stand idly by

His feeling was that Green Shield would quickly recover from the loss of its Tesco business and, indeed, would have more flexibility in building uping stands for its part tive use for surplus milk. but
In 1976 England produced into
16,000 tons of dried whole few
milk powder. This contains the and
butterfat, unlike dried skim class

its stamp trade. For its part, the Co-op, which last year returned £35m of retail profits in the form of stamps, would con-tinue fighting for every bit of

trade it could get.
Last year the CWS, main
wholesaler and manufacturer to
retail co-operatives, recorded
gross sales of £1,300m. After
subsidies and VAT, the sales
amounted to £1,260m, a rise of 15.2 per cent on the previous year. Overall trading profit fell from £15.2m to £14.9m.

Call for £100m credit line for **UK** shipbuilders

Whitehall was urged yester-day to provide £100m in credit facilities to secure shipbuilding orders from developing coun-

Mr Derek Kimber, chairman of Austin & Pickersgill the Wearside shipbuilders, gave warning that the United King-dom was faced with "losing to its foreign competitors

out to its foreign compeniors unless it allocated funds for promoting shipbuilding orders for Third. World countries. The developing countries of the world, he said provided an enormous potential for the United Kingdom shipbuilding industry

Price Commission rejects 11 increases

Eleven notifications of price increases from companies in categories I and II were rejected by the Price Commission in April. Six of the rejections were made to tement manufacturers
In seven cases the companies
in question withdrew their In seven cases the companies in question withdrew their applications, and in a further 52 the prices body made reductions in the increases sought. In category III the commission's regional offices secured the agreement of 125 separate enterprises to make price reductions to eliminate excess profits.

Mr Ennals denies breach of faith

Mr Ennels, Secretary of State for Social Services, has demed breaking an undertaking given by the Prime Minister to the Confederation of British Indusconsideration of British Indus-try on the proposed Bill to give unions seats on pension fund boards of trustees. Mr John Methiven, the CBPs director general, had accused Mr Empls of breaking faith on the promise of talks with the CBI before the Bill was pub-lished.

In a letter to Mr Methyen,
Mr Ennals said: "Let me
essure you that no decision has yet been taken about the intro-duction of this Bill in this session. The whole question is still under consideration by

Steel strikers ask men laid off for help

Strikers at the British Steel Strikers at the British Steel Corporation works at Port Talbot. South Wales, yesterday appealed for help from the 6,700 men who have been laid off because of their seven-week-old dispute over pay differentials. The strike committee, representing 560 electricians, issued a statement urging those laid off to press for management to start negotiations. ment to start negotiations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drax B: order first and then tackle the restructuring

Sir, Once again the Government is in danger of being drowned in its own "think tank". In autumn, 1976, the Central Policy Review Staff reported on the power plant manufacturing industry. Lis major recommendation was that the Government should bring forward the order for the Drax B power station and give a commitment to a steady home-ordering pro-gramme for power stations "conditional on acceptance by both management and labour of at least the heads of agreement on mergers and to the speedy implementation of the rationalization programme". This con-

lization programme. This conclusion was fundamentally misconceived as far as the two companies—C. A. Parsons Ltd and GEC—in the turbogenerator industry are concerned, for four reasons:

1—Creation of a single company is effectively related to the development of a single rechnology. This would take time to develop—perhaps 10 to 20 years—and there is no agreement as to whether Parsons's ent as to whether Parsons' technology, which is British based and produces the most efficient turbo-generators in service with the CEGB and the highest rated nuclear turbogenerators in the world, or the. largely American based, tech-nology used by GEC should be

the base.

2—There is an immediate problem of redundancy in the C.

A. Parsons plant and in Babcock and Wilcox, the boiler
makers, who depend on the
Drax B order to sustain
amployment. The CPRS is no
doubt right that if world

From the Marquess of Sligo Sir. England is committed to

fair prices for dairy farmers. She is also committed to pur-

chase annually 120,000 tons of New Zealand butter. Cows and

cowmen are increasingly effi-

clent, margarine is cheaper and for the sedentary perhaps healthier. There will thus be

more butter mountains unless she quickly finds an alterna-

milk, which is the by-product of buttermaking. Surprisingly,

over a million tons of this are still in intervention storage in

There is a correlation between too much butter, not enough whole dried milk and the Third World, Last year

England's contribution to the overseas food fund included

600,000 tons of cereals-presu-

mably a book entry. England is a net importer of cereals. For

mins. Neither do they solve the

milk problem.

Milk powder must be reconstituted, is, mixed with water before use, Polluted, almost non-existent water is itself

often a cause of femines. But

pure water supplies are an agreed priority for the Third World and a crash programms of deep well boring and the

Letting the Third World benefit

from our milk surpluses

From Mr Mike Thomas, MP for Newcastle upon Tyne, East ment stays at its present levels some slimming down is necessary, but slimming down over four or five years through natural wastage and early retirement is very different from the 1,600 compulsory redundancies which have been

> uncertainty over restructuring a restructuring of the sidesity have meant that neither British that fairly protected the interturbo-generator company has received an export order for almost six months. This relates, too, to the technology problem, for overseas customers want to know who is going to build the turbo-generators they order and are not enthusiastic about different parts being built at different plants in a restructured company which they know nothing of. (This problem also relates to Draw R which also relates to Drax B which the CEGB are reluctant to have split up between the two technologies of the existing com-

panies.)

4—The "no orders before restructuring" stratagem has never been an effective sanction ested in any restructuring which they do not control, in the Drax order, must steadily

This last point, I believe, is what led the Government to contemplate, just before Easter, accepting GEC's terms. When those terms became publicly though the second publicly th known, hostile reaction from the trade unions in Parsons, from Northern, Scottish and

areas might not be reached,

but sheer starvation merges into under-nourishment, and a

cities (Calcutta comes to mind) would save thousands of

delight European and Third World governments.

problems, this butter: business could be most easily solved. None other, tackled along the lines suggested, would benefit so many and irritace so few.

Yours fatchfully.

less than all those cereals.

centres for well boring dried milk close to big

miners' Members in the Parliamentary Labour Party and from the trade union and labour movement at large, gave the Government cause to think

They are now, I understand trying to get the various parties together under the auspices of announced at Parsons.

3—The delay in ordering the Drax power station and the long term that fairly protected the intenests of my constituents in New castle would be in the public interest. But the accent is on the words "long term". Restructuring is bound to take time. Meanwhile, 1,600 families on Tyneside face the prospect either company because of the either company because or ma uncertainty. The Government really should now set aside, a "literal interpretation of the "think tank" report before as

re- worst prognostications become
has a self-fulfilling prophecy and
crion we get no home orders, no exto encourage mergers as the GEC order book is two years long and it has enabled them to say that they are not interpolated by the control of tor work with C. A. Parsons and the boiler work with Bab. knowledge that Parsons' posi- cock & Wilcox now and to then tion, in the absence of the proceed in a calmer atmosphere on the lengthy task of getting a restructuring which will secure the future of the industry and will be acceptable to those who

Yours faithfulle MIKE THOMAS, House of Commons, London.

Embarrassment jubilee crowns

shipping of milk powder should be undertaken. From Mr B. M. Thompson
Sir, I was interested to learn
from your article "Why mint
condition does not always mean
a perfect coin" (May 5) that
jubilee crowns are being struck
at the rate of 600 per minute. There would be problems of distribution and refrigeration though bulk refrigeration is less costly than might be thought. Capital for dried milk production plant rather than for butter making would be needed for home creameries, Remote famine. As a bank manager, I am embarrassed by my idability to fulfil orders for jubilee crowns accepted from my customers as long ago as November, 1975; let alone orders received since then. I understand that the head office of my bank placed a large initial order some time. ago. They have been receiving lives. It would "cost" much weekly supplies, insufficient to less than all those cereals.

To fellow members of the EEC England and France often act with cynical disregard for the agricultural ideals of the Treasy of Rome. An Orwellian concept of equality operates and the powerful are much more equal than others. Here, surely, is a case for uniqueral action by Britain which would delight European and Third fill the initial order, and these supplies have now been reduced and are to be reduced still further very shortly.

Supplies received to date have been completely insufficient to meet the demand from branches, and one is left won-dering how it is that certain supermarkets have apparently been able to obtain unlimited supplies of these coins. As it is, I have the embarrasement of the starving and near world governments.

World governments.

To a non-expert it appears I have the embarrassment of having to tell customers daily sensible the underfed that I am unable so far to let calls 33 per cent protein and often turn, in despair, to them have the crowns they often turn, in despair, to them have the crowns they often turn, in despair, to them have the crowns they often turn, in despair, to them have the crowns they often turn, in despair, to them have the crowns they often turn, in despair, to them have the crowns they often turn, in despair, to them have the crowns they are the embarrassment of the start of th things stand I very much doubt if they will be available by Jubiles Day on June 7. Yours faithfully, B. M. THOMPSON,

4 Hook Road, Kingsclere, Newbury,

House of Lords.

Bank opposition to nationalization

From Mr W. E. Gale
Sir, Norman Atkinson, one of the instigators of the Labour Party's bank nationalization the banks have entered the political arena by attacking those plans. Had he expected them to hand over their affairs without protest? Does he not appreciate the strength of opposition among bank staff who know, better than any, how fallacious are the nationalizers' arguments?

The banks' customers had better start thinking in terms of a state bank if they want

want the electors to know what is at stake. If, as he says, the electorate is to be called upor to vote for the party offering the best banking system the facts should be lad before the electorate at an easily date. electorate of an early date. After all, pobody wants bank nationalization to come about merely by default—do they?
Yours faithfully,

W. E. GALE, General Secretary, Bardays Group Staff

Oxley Printing Group Ltd.

1976 — A Year of Recovery Chairman Michael Lewis reports:

... Return to Profitability -Good Progress will continue throughout 1977

Very substantial increase in Profits anticipated -Resumption of Dividends expected...

Increased turnover by 28% Return to profitability after losses in 1975 Particularly strong second half Net asset value 42p per ordinary share

Summary of Group Results £000's Profit (loss) before tax Attributable Profit (loss)

Principal Companies in the Group. Printing Broglia Press Ltu. Carlisle Web Offset Ltd. Platemaking Morrison and Gibb Ltd.

Earnings per ordinary share

Net assets per ordinary share

Oxley Press (Nottingham) Ltd.

Product Support (Graphics) Ltd.

Ace Engraving Ltd. Aldercolour Ltd. Art Reprographic (London) Ltd. Bristol and West Engravers Ltd. William Stevens Publications Ltd. Layton-Sun Group Ltd.

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continuing lack of large scale ordering by British Leyland has been stressed in the annual report of the Machine Tool Trades Association. next ten-year period.
"Unfortunately, these high hopes have still to be realized of a positive balance of trade. despite an immense application of man hours on the part of our members in the preparation Twenty of the past 23 years have produced a positive trade balance for the United Kingdom of projects for British Ley-land." Mr George Trowbridge, the ourgoing president, says the of industry confidently expected la industry. Exports, of new and that 1976 would result in an order input from Levland Cars alone of £40m-£50m and were encouraged by "the evident wish of this organization to plan that 1976 would result in an The MTTA comprises both domestic producers of machine tools and importers of foreign products and Mr Trowbridge rewish of this organization to plan used machine tools at current prices from 1968 to 1976 totalled £923m against imports of f663.8m. C.E.Heath & Co.Limited AND UNDERWRITING AGENTS Preliminary Results for the Year Ending 31st March, 1977 Year to 31 Mar 77 Year to 31 Mar 76 0002 2000 2000**Broking** Brokerage 14,934 10,096 Investment Income 1,169 (7,125)Expenses (8,625)Underwriting 330 **Profit Commission** 127 Insurance Company Profits 2,682 3,367 Fees and overriding commissions ... Investment income and interest ... 1,234 (1,552)(1,605)Expenses net of recoveries . . . 3,567 Other investment income ... 11,454 **Operating Profit** Interest paid ... Other income and expenditure ... 103 Profits before taxation, minority interests and extraordinary item 11,271 (5,065)Minority interests ... (148)Profits before extraordinary item ... Extraordinary item (294)Net profit available for appropriation

The increase in income from our broking operations of 47.9 per cent, and the reduction from 70,6 per cent. to 57.7 per cent. in the expense ratio reflect a substantial addition of new business. On the underwriting side, as expected there was no profit commission from our Lloyd's operations but there was continued growth in Australia and the results show for the first time profits arising from the new insurance companies.

The Board recommends a final dividend which together with the associated tax credit will amount to 14.0p per share on the present issued and fully paid share capital. With the interim dividend paid in January this will make a total distribution for the year, equivalent to a gross dividend of 20.0p per share (1975/76 -

It is expected that the full published Report and Accounts will be posted to Shareholders on 10th June. 1977 together with the notice of the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 6th July, 1977. Subject to approval at that meeting, the final dividend will be paid on 7th July, 1977 to Shareholders on the register at the close of business on 3rd June, 1977.

The Directors are also recommending a capitalisation issue of two new shares for every one share held by Shareholders on the register at the close of business on 3rd June, 1977.

_ F. R. D. HOLLAND, Chairman

Copies of the full accounts will be obtainable on 10th June, 1977 from the Secretary, C. E. Hesth & Co. Limited.
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Whitbread improves its margins

Virh no signs as yet of the lorious summer which benelorious summer which bene-ired the past two years' results, sectioning disposable income and Price. Commission inquiry (reating margin worries, it is eing left to improving opera-lonal efficiency and gains in trarket share to provide argu-

whitbread's 24 per cent lent before exchange losses; though much lower than the Ithough much lower than the 19,0 per cent of the summer, wonths, was achieved while its win volume, thanks to its Longia on strike, declined slightly, in an with the industry as a solide now facing declining tiles. Whitbread looks better laced than the other majors.

Larger sales so far have not iffered, either from the bad eather on trading down to reaper beers and Whitbread, ith its strong Heineken brand in strong Heineken brand in strong the inexer share ands to gain market share hile its improving operational ficiency should give it the dee over the other big lager oup, Bass Charrington.
The problem is thet although

'hitbread's potential for im-oving margins, as a result of t leser integration, may be easer than the other majors; a presence of the Price Com-

in this respect, the arguments while from its increasing capill spending, rising from £47m st year, when there appears have been a positive cash ow, to £55m, are extremely ritutous. But, while Whip-read itself looks to have decoming outlies this to have decoming outlies this to have nsive qualities, this is not a siensive market and although sensive marker and attended at 81p is line with the sector, the range of the sector against the arket as a whole may not yet scount all the worries.

apitalization £182m vies £518.5m (£441.6m) re-tax profits £42.6m (£30.7m), arnings per share 8.21p (6.08p); ividend gross 5.42p (4.93p)

urness Withy

Eurocanadian's overhang

here had been some pretty eavy estimates of Furness /ithy's performance last year oing around the City-the p appears to have been an icredible 530m pre-tax—so lat a mese 60 per cent incese to £22.6m inevitably led some disappointment a meng e super-optimises. The shares sterday dropped £20 to £81p th publication of the results. Part of the bulkshness may be reflected the figures pro-iced by P & O and Ocean ansport, but there are fundamental differences between the and the results were well in kee with some me more sober estimates, wing £1.27m of compensein for the cancellation of a

OCL performed strongly last

slightly more trade and litterim stage, there tariffs and sterl. The group is still on the depreciation. Sterling's lookout for United Kingdom preciation also led to extra expansion. possibilities:

linary debits on overseas ssenger shipping meant that 75's f2m losses from this for were absent. The uncertainty surrounding.



Mr Alex Bennett, chairman of Whitbread, facing declining

the shares is, of course, the overhang of Eurocanadian's 20 per cent stake, which it has promised to cut to no more than 10 per cent. When and how it will do it is the key question although both Trafalgar Hoose and Ocean Transport are cipped in the City as possible buyers as a preside to a bid.

sible buyers as a prejude to a bid.

The shares are well supported on a p/e ratio of S. sthough the 4 per cent yield is. a percental problem. Alchough likely to be subject to short-term weakness, the shares should soon recover.

Final 1976 1975

Caditalization £75.3m. Final: 1975 1975 Capitalization £75.3m. Sales £168.4m (£154.1m) Pre-tax profits £22.6m (£14.1m) Earnings per share 55.67p (32.83p*)

Dividend gross 11.3p (10.2p) * Adjusted.

Borthwick

Russian

Thomas Borthwick claims uplume rather than inflation was a major factor behind the 27 per cent gain in both sales and pre-tax profits at the innerim stage, and it seems the innerim stage, and it seems the innerim stage, and it seems the innerim stage of the decimation of Soviet herds in drought conditions has so far more than the conditions has been successful to the conditions have been some conditions.

larly in the United States markers.

Bordwick bowever goes not claim that the going is suything other than fough as far as the rest of the world is concerned.

Restrictes on United States imports contains white the leponese best marker is sill flercely descaded by quotas. Added to flus Borthwick is of course finding EEC imports but of the United Kingdom heavily disquaraged by the Green Found level while third, world imports from countries are mainly prevented by Brussels

-- Russian -- contracts which Borthwick claims have complotely changed the structure of

of the near doubled least the record ment markets are per cent of the near doubled least the record ment markets are per cent of the near doubled least the near two years while least the near two years and being least the near two years and held and full year figures may not be much more than firm the shipping market was not be much more than firm while, if Borthwick has any intention of naking advantage amium income from Econotine in the near indicated it, at the two years as a public company it has not indicated it, at the

expansion possibilities: If mainly to alleviate its ACT problems, Buer after the FMC debacle the group will presumably be proceeding with the utmost caution on this from Meanwhile, Borthwick itself

remains at least a possible bid contender a prospect which should ensure that the shares, off 2p at 95p yesterday, are fairly solidly underpinned around this level.
Interim 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £33m Sales £162m (£128m) Pre-tax profits £5.1m (£4.03m) Dividend gross 3.69p (--).

Cavenham

Unanswered questions

The pension funds are already showing signs of jibbing at the terms of Sir James Goldsmith's partial bid for Cavenham. A sounding among insurance company shareholders suggests that, if they are not yet actively taking up the cudgels, they share the pension funds reservations fully.

Everyone was expecting and wanting a simple, straightforward cash deal for the outstanding 49 per cent of Cavenham and would have taken 155per or even less-readily. The City, which marked the shares down by 9p to 134p yesterday.

City, which marked the shares down by 9p to 134p, yesterday, was evidently unimpressed by the income compensation for remaining shareholders in the form of a preference scrip issue, and had little short of derision for the claim that many shareholders wanted to stay with the company.

shareholders wanted to stay with the company.

Yet there is also a widespread feeling that, when it comes to it, shareholders may not have much choice. Unsatisfactory or not, the offer may be the best than no offer at all—although in real terms it is probably only worth the 140p Sir James was prepared to concede originally. So there is a real chance of collective shoulder shrugging by lective shoulder shrugging by shareholders and reluctant acceptance.
That will still leave all the

That will still leave all the old questions unanswered, however. With Générale Occidentale as a 51 per cent shareholder the position of the minority stready looked asposed. If the new deal goes through it will be even more so. And what of Sir James's public admissions that he has no desire to continue running a publicly mored company? publicly quoted company?

Will he come back later for

enother bite of the apple when he has more funds at his disposar? The present solution looks to be only helf a solution, and those shareholders who can afford it—the institutions ought not to go down without registering the point

Floating The authorities may have

been concerned that the announcement of a variable rate glit might upset sentiment in the git market, but there was certainly precious little evi-dence of market nervousuess yesterday. Indeed, the thought that there could now be some weeks before the market is tional stock sent an already firm, if rather thin, market sharply higher, leaving the FT Government Securities Index at a fresh "high" for the year at L19. While prices pushed higher,

there was, of course, plenty of speculation on the likely nature of the "floater" and the technical problems still to be re solved. What most of this tended to prove however, was quite simply that this really is very much of an experiment both for issuer and potential thought is that there are un-likely to be many of the latter, creating a situation that would not entirely surprise the former.

There is no middle ground for the mass of fascinated Lonrho watchers. Its supporters see an saw being slotted into place as bid succeeds bid. Its critics hark back to Mr Edward Heath's damning "unacceptable face of capitalism" tag and view Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland's

rhino charge management style

with deep suspicion. Yesterday's £24.8m agreed bld for AVP Industries, taking Lon-tho's investments in Eritish companies since late 1975 to around £100m, highlights this clear division in the City's opinion of the group.

At 1300 a share. Lonrho's offer is well above AVP's best market price ever. AVP's management and financial advisers recommend the deal, and there is ample commercial logic in the takeover for those willing to see it.

The hotels fit in with Lon-rho's existing hotel chain over-seas, and with occupancy rates of over 90 per cent last year,

Lonrho still an enigma to the City

Birmingham are sound assets. The group's air-conditioning the marketing muscle of Lontho's operations in 59 countries and its close associations with the prime growth market for air-conditioning in the Middle

The office furniture com-panies of AVP fit with the light engineering side of Lourie's Firststeel subsidiary and into the group's international marketing network.

What could be more logical? And yet, such is the City's suspicion of Lontho that in discussing the merger with several institutional managers vesterday one of the prime reactions was that Mr Rowland himself still constituted an impediment in the way of improving the group's image. This view is as implicably contradictory as most ebout Loncho la that it is directly opposite to the more usual long-term worries about management succession within

John Brennan

The prejudice against Lonrho may stem partially from illrimed institutional support for the shares early in 1975. At that time the Rowland mystique became temporarily fashionable. The shares attracted a flood of institutional support in the 130p to 150p range only to slump back to the low 70s in a matter of weeks. Fund mana-gers who had gridgingly ad-mitted that Lonrho might after all make sense burnt their fingers in the price slide and appear to have steered well clear of the group ever since. As a City outcast, Lonrho's shares, at 75p down 3p yester-day, stand on a deeply cautious rating and offer untypically high income following last monto's \$12m rights issue. Having won at least tempor-ary exemption from United

prospective income of the shares is limited only by group policy. Although the exemption is unlikely to be extended beyond the current financial year when the Treasury looks again at a balance of Eritish again at a business of british to overseas assets which the AVP. Dunford & Elliott, London City & Westcliffe, Brentford Nylon and Suits acquisitions has swung significantly towards the United Vicedon Kingdom.

Kingdom dividend controls, the

On the face of it the institutions' reservations about the group, although understandable, are difficult to justify. It could, and it has been said that with assets of over £400m, a turn-over well over £1,000m, and operations ranging from a herd of 100,000 cattle through wines and spirit sales, motor distribu tion, mining to property and steel, virtually any acquisition can be made to appear to have commercial logic.

And yet the success of Lonrho's diversitication pro-

shown than by the shares' reaction to vesterday's

Setting aside the AVP bid, yesterday's news carried the final confirmation rbat Zambia is at war with Rhoderia. Teo years ago that statement would have crippled the shares. Yesterday they shrugged off the

Even Lourho's most ardent critics will contede that by geographically spreading the risk, the group has been abla to trade successfully within the politically sensitive areas of Africa and the Middle East.

Worries about carnings dilution as a result of the aggressive acquisitions proeramme have been coimed by the use of cash ruther than paper in recent bid: and by the relatively modest scale of its recent rights issue. But that said, investment fashion is an unpredictable thing and in this case fashion is of more importance than any fundamental

Peter Hill on the international shipbuilders' struggle to stay in business

Sailing away from reality on a sea of subsidies

For most of last week the minds of some of the most influen-tial figures in the maritime world were concentrated on the problems of shipping and ship-building. The visitors and par-nicipants to the bi-annual Nor-Shipping conference and exhibition in Oslo bad much to worry about, and there was much talk of the dangers of a proliferation of state subsidy schemes aimed at protecting jobs in ailing shipyards and

jobs in alling snipyards and bailing out companies which, if market venues alone were to operate, would disappear.

It was a familiar theme, delivered by some leading industry figures with almost evangelical fervour. But despite the fine words, the carefully argued the barrage of up. speeches, and the barrage of un-palatable statistics, little pro-gress has been made in Europe towards a harmonized policy for shipping and shipbuilding. At the international level,

talks between Europe and Japan on the world crists in shipbuilding, and the need to agree on a mutually acceptable policy of rationalization, have predictably become borned down in the minutae of proposals and counter proposals The arguments and the criminations continue and the

proliferation of state aid schemes continue unchecked. As visitors to Oslo's Sjolyst Centre filed through the turn-stiles on the penulthmete day of the event, across the water in Copenhagen Mr Ivar Noer-gaard, the Danish Trade Minis-ter, promised that his Govern-ment would provide sufficient financial support to Danish yards to match credit and fin-ancing terms which were being offered by their foreign com-Mr Noergaard added that his

Government had also decided to speed up the construction of ships for the state including fishery inspection vessels, ferries, neval vessels and ships for trade with Greenland. Danish yards have until now been among the least cossetted yards in the world with no state subsidies available, but clearly this will change in the next few weeks, although so far the Danish Government has to spell out the scope and scale of the

Denmark, together with West Germany, has been the most consistent proponent of the need for a Community-wide policy and the fact that the Danes have now decided to join the rush towards support schemes is perhaps an indication of the frustration at the lack of progress made towards an EEC wide scheme.

throughout the world is double that required to meet the anticipated demand for new ships over the next few years. Demand over the next three to four years is likely to be about 12 million to 13 million tous gross annually, representing about one third of world shipbuilding output last year.

It is against this depressing and worrying background that the governments of traditional shipbuilding countries are in-volved in a desperate race to secure orders, to protect em-ployment, and to ensure the survival of companies. Few nations have yet been as bold as Sweden, which has linked its aid policy for shipbuilding directly to a rationalization of Swedish industry over the next five years.

Sweden is planning to inject 20,000m kronor in state credit guarantees and grants to reshape the industry and about half of this sum will be spent on financing of ships built on a specularive basis. But the quid pro que involves the closure of one shippard, the shedding of 6.000 workers employed directly by the industry, 1,000 sub-con-tractors' employees and between 2.000 and 4.000 workers employed by companies supplying the shippards. Norway has adopted a rather

different policy (much to the chagrin of its competitors) and a small team of officials has been spearheading an attack on the countries of the Third World offering competitive credit terms to secure orders. involving 90 per cent of the 15 years at 5 per cent'have pro this month, Norway signed a credit sareement providing £70m to Egypt and an official from the Suez Canal Authority was among those being feted and entertained in Oslo last

captured some spectacular deals with developing countries, including a £44-5m package with a group of Singapore companies for products carriers and a £51m deal for three chemical carriers for Malaysia. And talks are continuing between Nor-way's Aker Group and the Philippines for a series of orders for container ships for the Filipino state shipping

company.

Germany's shipowners are now able to take advantage of grants up to 17.5 per cent of the construction price together with extended credit terms, while the German Government.

Third World and Eastern Europe could pose the biggest threat

also offering assistance to developing countries. Ship-owners in Holland are being encouraged to invest in new ships by building at home by making use of investment premiums on new ships.

In the United Kingdom there

has been much toing and froing by members of the organizing committee for British Ship-builders, the state corporation due to be vested on July 1. In prospect is the £130m plum being presented by Poland for the construction of 22 ships in the United Kingdom. The organthe United Kingdom. The organ-izing committee should know the best (or the worst) before the end of June. Considerable nervous energy is being en-pended on the outcome of talks with the Nigerlan Government over a 19-ship order for that country's state shipping line. Whether the Government's

£65m intervention fund moneys will be used to clinch the deals remains to be seen.
japan's shipbuilders continue

to dominate the world market, although they too have their problems. Top industry leaders are still affirming Japan's objective of scooping up 50 per cent of available orders worldwide, but doubting whether they will manage it this year. The Japanese believe they have already taken reasonable steps not shared by the EEC) and the indications are that at the next meeting of the Organiza-tion for Economic Cooperation and Development's shipbuilding working party in Paris next month the Japanese will be seeking detailed answers to

seeking detailed answers to their pointed questions on the increase in subsidy schemes throughout Europe.

But subsidies, while temporary, have a habit of becoming permanent features of the ship-building landscape. As Mr Otto Norland, executive director of Hambros Bank, noted in Oslo, the ramifications of subsidized building are wide indeed.

"If a ship which costs \$25m

"If a ship which costs \$25m to build, allowing for depreciation and no profit, is sold for \$15m with 70 per cent credit over seven years, the direct subsidized loss of \$10m may not be an important factor in itself compared with alternative ad his solutions for the shipyard in question. But what

He continued: "With each new ship built on uncommercial terms and for which there is no genuine demand, the return to a reasonably balanced supply and demand position in shipping is deferred a little longer and the cost to governments of continuing to support surplus shipperds is increased."

Given the sensitivities of governments over the need to protect jobs in a traditional industry many yards in Europe are located in areas of high unemployment—the temptation to opt for protection through subopt for protection through sub-sidy is irresistible. The pros-pects for any short-term Com-munity policy for the shipping and shipbuilding industries is remote, while the dialogue be-tween Europe and Japan under the umbrella of OFCD on market sharing are likely to prove long and arduous.

Perhaps the higgest threat to the survival of the traditional shipbuilding industries of the world is posed by those indu-Eastern Europe and in the Third World—particularly in South Korea. Coloun and coun Americal which are outside the OECD A bepartisan spoiler teres of

it can be agreed with be seriously undersolved without seriously underonived without the active partiefy dion of those metions in convert mational discussions. The present shipling life is colored fleets not an unit of medical testing downton but a fonder to a change of year which will incompany to the change of year which will inshippard in question. But what a present shipfied for color and appears to be of little importance in each individual cave describes of consequences, which have a major impact on ship values, shipbuilding prospects and finance", he said.

The present shipfied for color of present shipfied for color of the industry is a concerned in a healthy state in the 1980s.

International meat traders and processors

Interim Report for the six months ended 31st March, 1977

The unaudited results of the Group for the six months to 31st March, 1977 are shown below, together with those for the first six months of the previous financial year and for the year ended 30th September, 1976. The Board has declared an interim dividend of 2.4p per Ordinary share to be paid on 8th July, 1977 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 3rd June, 1977.

	Six months ended 31st March, 1977	Six months ended 31st March, 1976	Year ended 30th September, 1976
-	£000	£000	£000.
External sales	162,000	128,000	292,000
Profit before taxatio	n 5,100	4,029	- 8,082
Taxation	2,686	2,227	4,284
Profit after taxation	2,414	1,802	3,798
Minority interests	(9)	(7)	(9)
Extraordinary items*	(224)	16	421
Profit attributable to Ordinary sharehol		1,811	4,210
Dividends	841	99	1,430
Profit retained	1,340	1,712	2,780

Extraordinary trems for the six months ended 31st March, 1977 and 31st March, 1976 consist of exchange profits (losses) on translatio

The results for the half-year are quite satisfactory and have been achieved despite difficulties in some principal international meat markets. For example, Government restraints on imports into the United States continue, and the expansion of the Japanese beef market is being hindered through Government-imposed quotas. Imports into other E.E.C. countries from the U.K. are discouraged by the current Green Pound level, and imports from Third Countries were largely prevented by Brussels.

Changes in world currencies have occurred on some scale, including formal devaluations of the Australian dollar and the New Zealand dollar, a weakening recently of the U.S. dollar and, happily, some measure of stabilisation of sterling. Anticipatory measures were taken in advance of these changes and the Group's profits were well safeguarded. The acquisition of Midland Cattle Products in November, 1976, is proving a happy

marriage, and the Company is being smoothly and profitably integrated with the Group.

The objective of broadening the base of our activities is being pursued in the confident knowledge that we are operating in a world-wide growth industry. Subject to events beyond our control, it is our present view that satisfactory results

Borthwicks

will be achieved for the full year.

Thomas Borthwick & Sons Limited Priory House, St. John's Lane, London EC1M 4BX

Business Diary: Gulliver's travels • Vaughan for MTTA

Fare supermarket division

e Fare supermarket division go it alone. He subsequently a cash and carry operation, el Foods, which was later to RCA for £10.9m.

We tried to buy it back, the next two years from Bill told Business Diary yester. Vaughan, sected yesterday but with the pound drop as president of the Machine and the pound drop as president of the Machine and the pound drop as president of the Machine and the pound drop as president of the Machine and the pound drop as president of the Machine and the pound drop as president of the Machine and the pound drop as president of the Machine and the pound drop as president of the Machine and the pound drop as president of the Machine and the pound drop as president of the Machine and the pound drop as president as the pound drop as president as the pound drop as president as the pound drop as the pound drop as president as the pound drop as the pound drop as president as the pound drop as the



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cent stake and an option thairman and effective head almost as much more of the the company may well to ble glazing firm. Alpine the company back into food.

His stake cost about 5300. has been heard of and could involve another £1m lliver since he gave up run- over the next few years.
g Associated British Foods

told Business Diery yester. Vaughan, elected yesterday "but with the pound drop as president of the Machine g against the dollar we Tool Trades Association ldn't meet the asking price." Vaughan, who runs his own said that he thought RCA machine tool business in Not ht now be ready to sell and ringham and Shrewsbury, says that managers are frightened by
"a hyper-political and destructive clique." of "clever, faceless men" in the unions who
are against anything that—in
Vaughan's book — spells pro-

> Unlike his predecessor, George Trowbridge, Vaughan clearly intends to be controver-sial. One of his aims is to state forcibly that his industry is "basic to the industrial wealth-creating sector of our nation." He adds: "I may be a know-all, but machine rool men are: in a priviledged position.
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> Decisions to buy capital equipment are made by top manage. ment are name by up that gives us access to the boardroom of many companies. I reckon we know more about British beyland than the National Enterprise Board.



Bill Vaughan: progress chaser.

an apprentice at Alfred Herbert in Coventry. Now he intends to lead the association's 180 mem-ber companies in a new drive to establish the industry as "an

The recent gloom in the industry is giving way to some wary optimism and Vaughan believes that machine tool men must now concentrate on salesmanship as much as technical

He is full of praise for the efforts of the Department of Industry and the National Economic Development Office in assisting the machine tool companies but reiterates the industry's fierce opposition to nationalization. Recently, leading MTTA officials met Conservarive MPs and told them that should they win the next election, similar government

All for one

prise Board 1 2 The changing of the guard Vanghan, who is 52, joined takes place today at Assolom-the industry when he was 14 as barda, the conservative private The changing of the guard

industrialists' association of Lombardy, and most influen-tial of the regional associations grouped in Confindustria, the grouped in Communication, Italian equivalent of the CBL Giuseppe Pellicano, the 60year-old managing director of Tecnomasio Italiano Brown

Boveri, steps down from the presidency after six years in office (the maximum allowed). He will deliver his final address to the annual assembly in Milao, heard by Gaetano Stammati, Minister of the Treasury, and Guido Carlo. Treasury, president of Confindustria.

The 600 delegates representing 5,000 companiesthem small family firms from the cradle of the Italian indusname to approve as Pellicano's successor. This is Alberto Redaelli, head of Guiseppe E Fratello Redaelli, a family firm founded in 1819. It employs nearly 3,000 workers making special steels, in the north and in Naples.

Standing Pat

Par Matthews, the founder and sometime deputy chairman and managing director of the stricken secondary bank, First National Finance Corporation, is to seek reelection to the board of the huge Phoenix Assurance Corporation tomorrow week. Matthews is one of five direc-

tors offering themselves for re-election. Another is Sir Robert Mark, the retired Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

tion for the loss of a service contract which had about three years to rum. The chairman of the Phoenix the Viscount De L'Isle, was also chairman of FNFC during Matthews heyday. FNFC itself is now chaired by the establishment banker John Glyn, chairman of the Agricul-

ceived about £57,000 compensa-

tural Mortgage Corporation.
Opposition to Matthews reelection at Phoenix does not seem likely from the assurance company's big United Kingdom shareholder, Friends Provident Life Office . . spokesman said: "We would not normally get in-volved in Phoenix's decisions on

the appointment of directors. Our chairman (Edwin Phillips) is on the Phoenix board and should like to leave it at that. The other big shareholder in the Phoenix is an American insurance group, Continental Corporation of New York, owners f Diners Club. There was no body available for comment at Continental when we rang yesterday. Perhaps they were out to lunch.

The former FNFC man re-signed his posts in October, 1975, and earlier this year re-

John Wells of the Bedford family brewers Charles Wells, may have overlooked a marketing wheeze. When he announced in London yesterday that the company was to brew Red Stripe, a Jamaican lager, some wag piped up: "Is there any truth in the rumour that the cans are being fitted with rubber ends for use at cricket matches?". Wells replied: "Hadn't thought of that".

Three months'results

Interim Statement

The results for the three months ended 31st March 1977, estimated and subject to audit, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1976, which are restated at 31st December 1976 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1976.

It must be emphasised that the results for the interim period do not necessarily provide a reliable indication of those for the full

	to 31.3.77 Estimate	3 months to 31.3.76 Estimate £ millions	Actual
Net written premiums— General Business	178.3	154.8	620.3
Investment Income	18.3	12.5	60.0
General Business Long Term Insurance Profits	(6.9) 0.5	(11.5) 0.5	(17.6) 1.9
Loan and Bank Interest	11.9 0.4	1.5 0.4	44.3 1.7
Profit before tax and Minority Interests	11,5	1.1	42.6
Principal Exchange rates used in converting overseas results: U.S.A	\$1.72 \$1.82	\$1.70 \$1.71	\$1.70 \$1.71

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 15.2% and 46.2% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations the increases were 16.5% and 47.8 % respectively.

There was an underwriting loss in the United Kingdom of £3.5 million (1976, £3.6 million) of which £2.4 million was incurred in the Motor account where there was a sharp increase in claims incidence arising from the severe weather conditions. The Homeowners account, where some corrective measures have already been introduced, also produced an unsatisfectory result.

In the United States net written premiums were \$127.3 million (1976, \$112.9 million) and the operating ratio was 104.83% as compared with 110.72% for the same period in 1976. The Automobile, Property and Liability departments were all substantial contributors to the underwriting losses which aggregated to £4.1 million (1976, £6.9 million).

Satisfactory underwriting results were achieved in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Brazil but there were substantial losses in Europe and, although improved as compared with the similar period in 1976, the South African results were also disappointing.

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RESULTS FOR THE YEAR EN	DING 31s	t DECE	VII
	1976	1975	
_	£000's	£000's	
Turnever	9,224	5,594	٠
Operating profit			
Insurance	1,864	834	
Other	194	165	
	2,058	999	
Group overheads	323	235	
	1,735	764	•
Share of profits of	-		
associated company	-	103	
Profit before taxation and			
extraordinary items	1,735	867	
Taxation	697	383	
Profit after taxation and			
before extraordinary items	1,038	484	
Extraordinary items	185	491	
Profit (Loss) after taxation and			
extraordinary items	853	. <u>(7</u>)	
Transfer of non-revenue reserves	<u>129</u> .	336	
Profit available for distribution	932	329	
Dividends on shares	322	258	
Net profit retained	660	71	
Earnings per share	•		
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The Directors recommend payment of a final dividend of 1.88284p per share on the 8th June, 1977. These dividends, together with the related tax credit, amount to 5.79335p per share for the year and compare with 5.2664p per share for 1975.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Dept. T1, 20-21 Red Lion Court, EC4A 3ED.

Stock markets

Floating rate bond encourages long gilts

With equities ultimately making little headway after a firm start, it was the turn of silts. With the institutions withm take the limelight even

especially at the long end, was the decision to launch an experimental floating-rate bond at could well reach 500 before the the end of the month. The fact that the issue will only be of £400m, a figure rather below expectations, was a particular stimulant and long dates re-sponded with rises of between one and 1½ points.

What the market is looking for from Ranks Hovis McDougall is a strong second half boosted by overseas acquisitions, and total profits 10 per cent better than last year's £419m. Dealers will be well satisfied if interim profits, due today, match the £19.9m earned last time in a particularly strong period for the bakery business. The shares held steady at 48p.

"Shorts", looking for still lower interest rates, closed with gains of up to one half.

As on Monday, equities went into reverse after the first two hours as profits were taken. There was renewed support But this time there was little for J. Bibby, up 7p to 141p, or no late interest and the FT while Hays Wharf closed 5p

With the institutions with-drawing to the sidelines for the though demand was never more than moderate.

The key to some strong gains, have run its course for the time institutions consider their portfolios have the correct balance

of equities to giks.
Though the general run of trading was uninspired, a good range of speculative and take-over stocks continued to enliven the proceedings.

AVP, suspended on Monday

pending a takeover announce-ment, quickly shot up 36p to a point below agreed terms of 130p from Longho, but an offer of 50p from Chyde Petroleum was quickly turned down by Lyon & Lyon which ended 13p News of an approach, again not identified, was good for a rise of 7p to 26p for Wolverhampton Die while some disappointment at the fresh minority terms from Conerala Occident

terms from Generale Occiden-tale had Cavenham 9p down from their suspension price at 134p. News of James Gulliver share purchases had Alpine Holdings lower by 3p to 28p.

Speculative support went into Sharna Ware, figurer by 100 to 650 and Invergordon 60 to 62p

controversy. In engineers, two to benefit from favourable comment were John Brown 5p to 197p and Simon, which rose a similar amount to 197p. and for a similar reason Beaverbrook "A" touched 61p at one
point only to close at an unchanged 56p. Another good spot
in papers was United Newspapers which finished with a
rise of 7p to 275p.

The dividend forecast which
accompanied a £5.6m rights

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shead at 169p in the hope of higher terms from Ocean Transport.

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> Allied Retailers cased in to 124p, not on any fears thouse truding which is some supremely well but on thought that an issue of new shares at a discount of cround 10 per cent could be on the way next month. However, that in unit could open the way for a nearly doubled dividend, which would be a tonic for a present yield of only 62 per cent.

an oil find and Woodside Burmah 69 to 87p moved in sympathy. Disappointing figures from General Accide left the shares 9p lower in 191p, but broker CE Heath with 5p ahead at 380p after figure and a strip. Another broker and a scrip. Another broad C. Moran rose 3p to 60p. 46 Equity turnover on May 16 and 176.76m (22,086 bargains) According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks vesterday were ECI, P & O, BAT Did BP, Plessey, BAT Ind. Rank, Shell, GEC, Glynwed, Commercial Union, Hay's Wharf, Laurence Scott, Empire Stores, Lyon and Lyon and Invergordon.

Hartwells' peak, Perry Fidelity up and Wadham cheerful 33 pc still

By Victor Feistead Cheerful announcements were eleased yesterday by three big

The rise in turnover was only just over half of the profit increase, being 31.7 per cent to £62.99m. The final dividend gross, is being raised from 3.95p to 4.5p, lifting total from 5.5p to 6.05p. If the standard rate of

to 6.05p. If the standard rate of tax is amended to 33 per cent before July 24, the final will be increased to 4.64p gross.

For the three years before 1976-77, Hartwells' record was unexciting. Indeed, Mr F. S. Huggins, chakman, comments that profits in this period "virtually stagnated". He explains that the rise in turnover last

Hartwells' profit for March, 1977, was "well in excess" of March, 1976. But the group

The Hartwells Group produced best-ever profits, while the chairmen of Wadham Stringer and Harold Petry Motors are both optimistic following large profit rises in 1976. But the group started April with an inadequate number of new vehicles. However, the board is hoping for a record year in the 12 mouths to next February, but a lot depends on the controlling of inflation and improvements in the economic situation coupled with satisfactory deliveries from Hartwells manufacturers and suppliers.

The rise in turnover was only facturers and suppliers. . At Wadham Stringer,

Leyland and Rolls-Royce dealers, the chairman, Mr F. C. Stringer, tells shareholders that the company made considerable progress in 1976 and that this continues. The first-quarter's

continues. The first quarter's results exceed the similar figures of a year ago
Mr J. F. MacGregor, the Harold Perry chairman, reports first-quarter pre-tax profits of £606,000—an increase of 45 per cent on 1976. He is encouraged by the substantial orders in hand and the group's confident view of the opportunities in the immediate future. This that the rise in turnover last dent view of the opportunities year was achieved in spite of a in the immediate future. This poor supply of new vehicles, in year is expected to be better relation to order held, which than last.

going strong

By Tony May The recovery of Fidelity Radio continues with a " satisfactory" level of trading being achieved in difficult economic conditions. True the group did not manage to reach the record £2.2m pre-tax profit achieved in 1974, but there was an advance of 33 per cent to £1.75m for the year to March 31. Of this £1.2m was brought in during the second, and usually more profitable helf, a jump of 43 per cent sole has, a jump or 45 per cent.
Sales for the year went up
36 per cent to £17.8m, with the
credit going to a better market
penetration both at home and
abroad. Mr Jack Dickman, chairman of this audio equipment
group says that this was
achieved by improved afficiency
and economy without sacrificing
margins.

Sales in the United Kingdom rose 35 per cent to £15.3m, while exports were 49 per cent up at £2.4m. On not profits up from £634,000 to £836,000, the dividend is raised from 6.49p to 7.14p gross. Earnings a share are 9.89p compared with 7.49p. Az half time, when profits went up 11 per cent to 512,060 Mr Dickman said that the second-raff would benefit from price increases and the intro-duction of new lines,

Empire stores raising £5.6m by rights issue

By Our Financial Staff

A big cash-raising operation

coupled with the forecast of a large dividend increase is amounced by Empire Stores (Bradford), the mail order group where Mr C. T. Wells is

theirman.

Empire proposes to raise about £5.57m (after expenses) by the issue of 5.44m ordinary 25p shares by way of a rights on a one-for-four basis at 108p per share. This represents a discount of 35p on yesterday's close of 143p, a rise of 8p. The new shares will not rank for the final dividend for the year in fameary 29.

to January 29. Barcleys Merchen: Bank has underwritten the issue.

The directors intend to re-

The directors intend to recommend a total gross dividend for the current year of 7.31p on the bigger capital. This is an increase of 42.7 per cast on last past.

The Treasury has agreed to the higher dividend in the context of the issue. Dealings are expected to start next Monday. At this stage, the board finds it too early to make a profit forecast, but in view of the encouraging trading results to date, it betwees the group will have another successful year. In 1976-77, pre-tax profits rose In 1976-77, pre-case profits rose by 27 per cent to £5.43m on seles 31 per cent higher at

£77.43m. Empire's board believes that



Mr C. T. Wells, chairman of Empire Stores.

available to the group are suffi-cient to meet its correct re-

more permanent basis. It decided that this can be best achieved by increasing the ordinary capital which will also strengthen the capital base of the group and maintain a "prodent relationship" between borrowings and sharehilders funds. Initially, the proceeds will be used to repay bank borrowings.

Accident opening quarter A hat trick of Textile cheer which some £2.4m was incurred

By Ashley Druker
Though first-quarter results
are obviously not a reliable
indication of the full-year outcome, hopes of General Accident of making a United Kingdom profit in 1977 received
something of a setback. This
was chiefly because of a big
loss in the motor account while led by Bulmer and Lumb tax profit for the quarter comes out at £11.5m against £1.1m, and against £42.6m for the whole of 1976. By Our Financial Staff
Pat a big increase in business loss in the motor account while the homeowners' account also performed badly. This also applied in the same sectors to the United States. But apart from Europe and South Africa, other

countries improved on the same period in 1976. period in 1976.

Net written premiums increased in sterling terms 15.2 per cent to £178.3m and investment income by 46.2 per cent to £18.3m in the three months to March 31. Adjusted to exclude the effect of currency fluctuations the respective increases were 16.5 and 47.3 per cent. The United Kingdom showed an underwriting loss of £3.5m (against £3.6m) of

in the motor account. Here there was a sharp increase in claims incidence from bad weather conditions. Homeowaers, where corrective measures have been taken, also turned in an "unsatisfactory" result. Pre-

whole of 1976.

In the United States net written premiums rose from \$112.9m to \$127.3m with an operating ratio of 104.83 compared with 110.72 per cent. Automobile property and liability were all "substantial" contributors to the underwriting losses, totalling £4.1m against £6.9m.

A more cheerful tale comes from Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Brazil where sarisfactory underwriting results factory underwriting results were achieved. But Europe showed big losses, and South Africa, though improved, was also disappointing.

through hitherto idle plant and you get a bound in profits. Once again textile groups are pedalling up the cycle of one. sumo and boom.

The heavyweight yesterday per cent.
The financial year of Hield was worsted spinner. Bulmer and Lumb (Holdings) which swept pre-tax profits up from £624,412 to £1,438,412 in the 53

and Bulmer may top up if ACT. The dividend stays at 1.13p

reports that this year's profits should be at least as big as those now reported. They ended the year 132 per cent shead; at half time the increase was 130

Mr G. M. Warry, chairman, notional and the board reports good orders and fatter margins. Exports last year accounted for 65 per cane of output.

Leeds and District Dyers and Finishers is in the commission processing of textiles and the sale of yarn. Leeds started it.
climb the cycle early, more than
doubling pre-tax profits in the
year to last September. In the
six mombs to March 31 it were weeks to April 3. Tarnover the group moved from a six months to March 31 it were the group moved from a six months to March 31 it were net loss of £145,000 in the on to hoist them by 77 per cent first six months to pre-tax to £509,625. This was however profits of £68,255 for the "exceptional" and the second full year. This was good, half year includes the holidays but not enough to get anywhere. The interim dividend goes up near the £201,413 of 1975-76. from 14p gross to 154.

Margins the criteria, say Seccombe

By Adrienne Gleeson

Results from the discount nouse Seccombe Marshall & Campion for the year to end-April mirror the pattern shown by others in the sector. Good capital profits in the second half make up for a setback in the first—though in the case of Seccombe that setback was not section. sectombe that setback was not significant. Total profits for the year, after tax and a transfer to the contingencies reserve, increased from 5359,000-to 5473,000, and the directors recommend the maximum possible increase in the final dividend to bring the total for the year m 23.5n gross year to 23.4p gross.

Seccombe reckons that margins, rather than capital profits, will be the name of the game from now on, and a similar line is adopted by Gerrard & National, whose chairman, Mr R. C. Gibbs, says in his annual report that the scope for further falls in interest rates now seems limited. At the April 5 balance-sheet date the the total book was up from 5761m to 5802m. The group has made a "most auspicious" start to the current year.

For Smith St Aubyn, too, the start has been "excellent", though the group has within the part two weeks sold some of its gilts, which are shown in the April 5 balance sheet at £50.8m, against £32.4m a year earlier. The average length of the group's book is "quite a bit longer than at this time last year", says Mr J. F. E. Smith, cherman.

Gulliver stake in Alpine glazing

executive director, Mr H.
Singer, who has similarly relinquished all executive responsibilities and Mr Stoller who resigns as managing director but continues as executive direc-

but continues as executive director and chairman of Alpine
Double Glazing.

Mr James Gulliver, the
former chief of Fine Fare, the
supermarket division of Associated British Foods, and latterly
in control at Oriel Foods, will
become nonexecutive Alpine supermarket division of Associated British Foods, and latterly in control at Oriel Foods, will become non-executive Alpine chairman and acting chief executive. But it is intended that a full-time chief executive worth. The ordinary capital is privately held.

will be appointed shortly.

Alpine shares were suspended on Monday at 261p and returned yesterday at 31p.

JGA's option to buy the 14.97 first half-year, Ayrshire Metal per cent stake is at 38.75p, or a 21.25 per cent discount on the middle market quotation at the time of the exercise, be-tween May 1979 and November

W'ton Die

Shares of Wolverhampton Die Local authorities Casting jumped 7p to 26p as the board disclosed that it had

James Gulliver Associates has acquired a 15 per cent stake in doubleglazing group, Aipine Holdings, and has an option to buy a further 14.97 per cent. The vendors, in equal proportions, are Mr A. Dayer, the current chairman of Alpine who will remain only as a non-executive director. Mr H.

Kincaid dips

Reporting pre-tax profits for 1976 down from £1.73m to £1.35m, the board of John G. Kincaid says in the annual report that it is not possible to estimate the outcome of the talks with the Government re-

Products reports pre-tax profits for the full year to December 31 up from 5392,000 to 5701,000.

a record. Turnover rose from \$8.61m to £9.68m. Shareholders benefit, with their total gross dividend going up from 4.39p to 4.84p.

One-year bonds this week

W Runciman

A rise in second-half profits from £1.25m to £1.33m, leaves the 1976 pre-tax total just 9 per cent down to £2.51m at Wakter Runciman. At half time the fall at this shipping and freight agent was from £1.5m to £1.17m. Turnover rose from £302m to £33.6m for 1976. After adjusting for the rights issue, earnings a share are 15.3p against 20.3p, while the dividend is raised from 10.39p to 11.4p gross. والمراكز كالمقوات والاستان

Oxley Printing

Oxley Printing in its annual report, says it believes the good progress achieved in the last six months of 1976 will continue throughout 1977. Management accounts for the first quarter compare favourably with last year and a "very substantial increase" in profits is expected for the first half

Time Products

On turnover up from £18.7m to £24.03m, trading profits of the board disclosed that it had received a bid approach. The price tag is about £1.2m. No suitor was named, but the approach "might lead to an offer." Meanwhile, Leaderflush (Holdings) where shareholding seem to be constantly changing thands, the board says that indi-

Triple stakes in new project bank

By Our Banking Corresponder A new bank backed by Ara investors, the Arab Africa Bank and the Bank of Montres has just been launched. 1 addition to normal commerci hanking services, the Intenational Resources & Finan Bank SA has been establishe to provide project finance at .. resource packaging in the Middle East and Africa, and : investment portfolio manag ment service open to those wi \$250,000 plus to invest.

Bank of Montreal has a per cent stake in the ne bank's parent company, Ar-International Trust SA Luxembourg, and Arab Afric: Bank, in which several Midd Eastern and North Afric, governments hold stakes, h another 10 per cent. The r mainder of the subscrib-capital (\$20m, of which \$10 has been paid-up), is held groups and individuals in t Middle East, US and Canada. The new bank has its hes The new bank has its hea quarters and has opened branch in Luxen bourg and h en office in London; and it planning to obtain limited but



INANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

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Ray Maughan
Forward Technology Induscent of FII, will subscribe for cent of FII, will subscribe for 312,500 shares in the new company, and underwrite subscriptions offered by merchant bank Singer & Friedlander for 3 similar number at the same

The enlarged company fore-casts a dividend of 6.7p for the year ending June 30, 1978, which yields 12.9 per cent at the underwriting price. Based on notional profits of \$1.28m pretax for the current year, the p/e would be 10.7.

The board, headed by Mr-Gordon Allen, will hold 66 per cent of the new equity capital. Mr Allen and family trusts have contracted to waive all divid-

contracted to waive all divid-ends before 1980, which would bring the dividend cover up from 1.1 times on full payment to 2.6 times.

FII, based in the electronics and electricals industries, generally has had a good track record since its formation in 1969.



Solvay recovery shows quadrupling of profits

JONAL LYON

Solvay recu

Consolidated net profit of Belgian group Solvay et Cie.
Group shnost quadrupled in 1976, shooting up to 4,889m francs from 1,227m, the Belgian chemical company reports.
It proposes a net dividend of 200 francs a share, up from 170 francs.
The company said the group saw a vigorous recovery during 1976 reaching a peak at the end of the first half. After this there were signs certain sectors, vorably plastics, were running or ably plastics, were running or spokes the strength of the first half. After this there were signs certain sectors, vorably plastics, were running or spokes the strength of the first half. After this there were signs certain sectors, vorably plastics, were running or spokes the strength of the first half after the strength of the first ended to make an offer of

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Hutchison International

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lo year to March 31, turnover.
J. N. Nichols (Vimto) rose in £3.21m to £4.4m and pre-tax offits from £379,000 to \$9,000. Total gross payment ed from 10.75p to 16.94p and a-for-one scrip issue proposed. to consolidate the gains already realized, and looks forward to the future with confidence.

Record for Squibb

GOLDMAN GROUP fornore for 1976, £13.17th 1.07m). Pre-taz loss, £112,000 o'k of £124,000). No dividend ainst 2.96p). Soulib Corporation of America expects to post record 1977 sales and earnings, aided in part by expected sales of over \$200m (about £117.6m) DENIX MINING
hoenix Mining & Finance annces that the sequisition of the
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upleted in accordance with the from recently introduced health-care and confectionery products. Mr Richard M. Furlaud, chairincrease would be the ninth consecutive rise in the company's earnings. Souibb also expects to strengthen its position in the European pharmaceurical marnew drug, Corgard, which is at present in registration in West Germany and is expected to be available to 10 countries by the end of the year.

leader of an international consortium which aimed to develop a \$A500m (about £312.5m) alumina plant in the Southern Philippines with several other international companies. The spokesman said a number of the companies due to partici-pate in the project are now planning to take part in other

International

Pioneer foresees cut

The Pioneer Electronic Corporation of Japan forecasts non-consolidated earnings for year-ending September 30 at 10,700m yen (about £21.4m) on sales of 171,700m yen. A company spokesmen said that overall sales were expected to rise moderately in the year, with communed active export sales offsetting flagging domestic

Landesbank recovery

The Hessische Landesbank girozentrale should make an operating profit of at least DM100m (about £23.8m) this year as well as show a gain on tts extraordinary earnings account; the bank's chief executive; Dr. Heinz Sippel, states, Peter Norman writes from Bono. He said that the bank, which by the end of last year had been obliged to write off some DM3,000m on credits and investments made in the years up to the end of 1974, was now operating on a sounder basis.

Unilite merger plan

Unilite Electrical Industries a merger with Philips Malaysia SDN BHD and Malaysian Industrial Development Finance BHD. A company statement to Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange

HAW PAR (LONDON)
Payment of dividend on convertible shares of Haw Par (London) for 1977 has been advanced from May 31, 1978, to May 31, 1977. Dividends for 1976 and 1977 will be paid together on May 31.

J Foster may sound note for textiles

John Foster & Son, the only vertically integrated mohair

group in the country, is going for a "significant improvement in profits" for the year to February 25 next.

li Foster can be seen as the weather-vane for the textile industry, it is a fair bet that the sector is already on the move. The group emerged from the rough conditions of 1975-76 with a pre-tax profit of £388,000 last year against £94,000. However, the board, headed by Mr J. F. B. Grant, is not expecting a full recovery to the 1973-74 peak of £1.2m in the immediate

furure. Eut confidence has returned and, almost inevitably, it stems from export markets. These, and what Foster believes it salls for indirect export each account for about a third of total sales, up last year from £9.71m to £12.04m. Domestic activity, the board states, "remains difficult".

"remains difficult".

Mohair prices remain firm, South African prices are returning to their November peaks and are thought likely to stabilize at least until the autumn sales. In Turkey, where the market is at least partly Government controlled, selling prices are also high and Fester expects that the forthcoming Turkish election will underpin selling levels.

selling levels.

So, mobair, which accounts for about 50 per cent of output in a good year is enjoying good demand at "fair" prices. Since this product provides the added value and thus the high margin to Foster's ordinary cloth trade, profits should accelerate while this trend con-

tinues.

A first and final dividend of 2.50 gross per share, up from 1.25p, yields 8.6 per cent at yesterday's unchanged price of 29p. The board, however, has scope to lift the total from the 1973-74 peak of 5.1045p gross a

C E Heath's two-for-one scrip caps good year

Soaring profits, the promised ividend boost and a two-forone scrip, all helped to push the shares of the C. E. Heath Group up 5p to 583p. At half time, when pre-tax profits of this insurance broking and underwriting group went up from £1.79m to £3.6m, the board said that it was expecting a "substantial increase" in pro-fits for the full year. Apart from new business, the devalua-tion of the pound was helping the results.

The second half in fact brought in £7.6m against £4.6m

to leave the group's total for the year to March 31 up 76 per cent at £11.2m—easily a record. As was promised at the time of last year's rights issue, the group is hoisting its dividend up from 10.23p to 20p gross.

A breakdown of profits shows A breakdown of profits shows that on the Broking side income went up 48 per cent to 57.4m. This follows a rise from 17m to 58.6m in expenses which offset a jump from 110m to 115m in brokerage, and from 1829,000 to 11.1m in investment income. The board comments that the reduction from ments that the reduction from 70.6 per cent to 57.7 per cent in the expense ratio and the increased income reflect and increased income reflect a

business".
On the underwriting side there was, as expected, no profit commission from the Lloyd's operations, compared with 5330,000 a year ago. Insurance company profits rose from £127,000 to £571,000, while fees £127,000 to £571,000, while fees and overriding commission reached £3.3m against £2.6m. Investment income and interest rose from £752,000 to £1.2m. After deducting expenses of £1.6m against £1.5m, profits from underwriting rose 52 per cent to £3.5m.

Mr F. Holland, the group's chairman, says that there was continued growth in Australia, and that the underwriting results show for the first time profits arising from the new insurance companies.

Unicorn Industries

A Record Year

Turnover up 44% at £55m. Pre-tax profits up 98% at £5m. Earnings per share up 92% at 11.3 p Assets per share up 34% at 107p Dividend up10%at4.86p

"Although there is still no evidence of a steady recovery in the economy, the higher level of activity within the Group during the second half of 1976 has for the most part been maintained, and this should be reflected in the results for the first half of 1977. Any further projection would be unwise in the light of recent forecasts that growth rates in the world's major markets are likely to be lower than previously expected."

> B. G. BALL-GREENE, Chairman, at the Annual General Meeting.



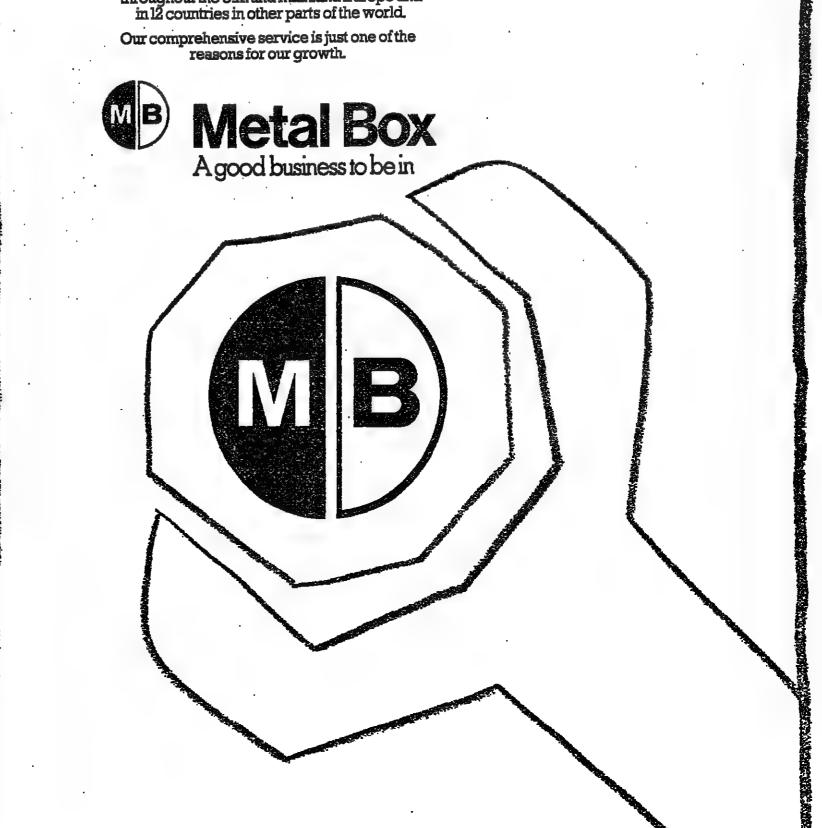
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GOLDMAN GROUP

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re-tax profit, R76.42m 1.62m) for half to March 31 on a of R566.95m (R515.56m), rim payment held at 7c. Board cts little change in year's ings and an unchanged total

Comalco shelves plan Comulco of Australia has decided to defer plans for parti-Chairman reports that services division will find 1977 a difficult cipation in an alumina smelter in the Philippines for at least two years, a company spokes-man said. Comalco was the

Wall Street

York, May 17.—The New stock market recovered in hal minutes of trading to higher in moderate volume.

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COMMODITIES AND MARKET REPORTS

Of the damaged trees, generally the side facing the wind has some black, some brown and some green

black, some brown and some green leaves. The other side of the tree may be all green.

Trees planted on the top of the buils appear worst affected, with the wind having passed over the top of some of the smaller trees and those on lower lying ground.

Sharp lift in coffee prices

Coffee futures rose sharply in London at the start of afternoon trading yesterday following confirmation of cold wind damage to some of North Parana's coffee trees by Senor Camillo Calazans, president of the Brazilian Cottee Institute, dealers said.

Active and at times hectic buy-ing lifted the July position up around £335 to a high of £3.585. compared with an overnight close of 13,252.

In mid-afternoon the market was recessed for about an hour due to active trading. At the special, and final, call spot May advanced by 2397.50 and July went 5418 ahead. It was reported from Rio de Juneiro that leaves on some of the coffee trees in North Parana had already turned brown as a result of strong winds and low temperatures. temperatures.

The main damage was done late on Monday when the force of the wind, allied with the cold, attacked

wind, allied with the cold, attacked leaf cells.

One estimate is that Parana could lose 15 to 20 per cent of its 1978-79 crop, which should have been four to five million 60-kilo bags.

Reports from North Parana indicate varying degrees of damage. Not all trees were affected, with many of those on north-facing stopes escaping.

Bank Base Rates

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Copper pact
Geneva May 17.—Peru has asked the second preparatory meeting on copper held by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) so convene a negoti-ating conference for an international copper agreement in the second half of next year.

delegate sources said. . The Peruvian request came at the start of the meeting attended by over 50 nations and called for the intergovernmental group of experts on copper to begin drawing up a draft copper agreement by the end of September this year. This proposal was supported

by delegations from several developing countries

At the formal opening Mr Bernard Chidzero, Unctad director of commodities, said that there was a strong need for a clear sense of direction in relation to copper before any further meaningful discussions could take place.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Peru call on | Hunt family lawyers file international motions against CFTC

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The third motion seeks an order requiring the CFTC to

Recent Issues

filed earlier.

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Chicago, May 17.—Lewyers capricious and has no founda-for the Hunt family have filed three motions in the federal district court against the Com-modity Futures Trading Com-mission (CFTC), including one challenging the concept of posi-

ton itmis.

The motions, a further development in hitigation between the CFTC and the Hums over the family's soyabean holdings, will be heard tomorrow before Federal Judge Frank J. McGarr.

The first motion requests an evidentiary hearing on the CFTC regulation that sets posi-tion limits. It formalizes claims made in defence of CFTC charges that seven members of the Hunt family and a corporathe many raminy and a corpora-tion they control traded soys-bean futures in concert and violated as an aggregate the CFTC's three million bushel

The Hunt attorneys have comply promptly with the charged that the rule setting Hunts' outstanding requests for position limits is arbitrary and

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Foreign Exchange

It was another very quiet day on foreign exchanges yesterday with many of the leading dealers making their way to Montreux for the Forex conference at the end of the week. Sterling edded 2 points easter against the dollar at \$1.7189 while the effective exchange rate index stayed at 61.7 for the third consecutive day. Dealers said they thought the Bank of Eugland may have given a little support initially when there was small commercial selling of sterling from Switzerland and Germany. Once this had been completed, the pound edged up agalu, though not on any business.

The dollar closed cheaper to most Cominental currencies. German Marks rose from 2.3525 to 2.3580, Swiss francs firmed from 2.5550 to 2.5205, and French francs hardened from 4.9570 to 4.9515. The Dutch guilder strengthened from 2.4590 to 2.4550 Gold closed michanged at \$147.875 an ounce in London. The second motion asks for a preliminary injunction against the CFTC, its claiman, Mr William Bagley, and other unnamed CFTC employees enjoining them from further public disclosures of positions, trades, transactions or intentions of any of the Huns regarding their of the Hunts regarding their positions in soyabeans or soya-When the initial CFTC complaint was filed on April 28, the agency released a breakdown of flunt family holdings in soyabean futures, based on documents traders are required to file with the agency and which are normally kept confidential. The Hunt request for an injunction is in line with charges made in a counterclaim they filed earlier.

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Trading profits up 38%

Mr. C. D. Pike, O.B.E., M.A., LL.B., the Chairman. in his annual review, reported:

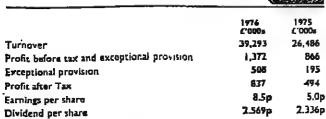
- * Pre-tax profit of £2,522,095 (£1,624,117), including currency profit of £385,000.
- * Maximum permitted total dividend 8.4% (7.64%).
- * Sales of Ball Clay and China Clay well maintained. * Expected capital expenditure of £2 million in
- Prospects: Future viewed with confidence steady growth over the years both from
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 - Annual General Meeting: 3rd June 1977.



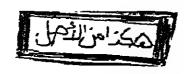
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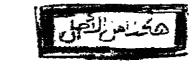
RUSH & TOMPKINS GROUP LTD

Summary of the results for the year ended 31.12.76



- Total turnover and profit before tax and exceptional provision increased in the year by 48% and 58% respectively.
- Dividend increased by maximum permitted to 2,569p and is
- The exceptional provision of £508,000 relates to two developments in France on which sales should be completed during the next
- Ouring 1977 the issued capital of Reed and Mallik Limited has been acquired and this will enable the Group to offer an even wider range





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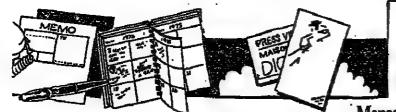
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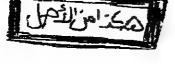
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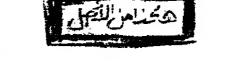
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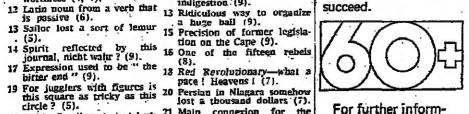
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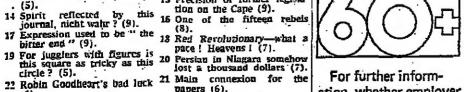


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